Author’s response to reviews

Title: Trends in use of neonatal CPAP: a population-based study

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Dear Dr Solera,

We thank the reviewers for their support and comments on our manuscript MS: 2042733415570461 -Trends in use of neonatal CPAP: a population-based study. We have responded to the reviewers’ comments below (noting the page numbers of any changes) and highlighted the changes with track changes in the manuscript.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions regarding our manuscript.

Yours sincerely

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Reviewer #1 – Bradley Manktelow

Major Compulsory

Inconsistent numbers have been checked and corrected in the table where the column totals were incorrect – thank you.

Minor Essential revision

The two typographical errors have also been corrected

Discretionary Revision

We have added the number and rate of babies who received both CPAP and
mechanical ventilation during admission (page 7, paragraphs 1 & 2)

The length of CPAP is not available. However, we have added a paragraph addressing this limitation and the issues raised by Reviewer #2 (page 9, paragraph 3)

Reviewer #2

Discretionary Revision

We agree that our paper does not address the issue of safety and that was not our aim. However, we acknowledge that this is an important issue and as noted above, we have added a paragraph addressing the limitations of the study (page 9, paragraph 3)