Author's response to reviews

Title: Early eczema and the risk of childhood asthma: a prospective, population-based study

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Re-submission of revised manuscript:”Early eczema and the risk of childhood asthma; a prospective, population-based study”

Dear Editor,

We appreciate the opportunity to re-submit a revised version of our manuscript. We have made the revisions according to the suggestions made by the referee. A point-by-point answer is given below.

Yours sincerely,

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Minor Essential Revisions

There are still some spelling mistakes in your manuscript and a few orthographic mistakes. Here are some examples:

- last sentence of the results section: “…differences from these figures (numbers?)”
  RESPONSE: “figures” is substituted with “numbers”

- In the statistics: “The corresponding numbers for those without eczema (at) 2 years…”
  RESPONSE: We find this sentence in the results section, and have added the word “at”.

- In the discussion: “In addition, mother-reported use of anti-asthmatic (medications?) during…”
  RESPONSE: For clarification we have added med word “medications”.

Additional corrections:
- In the Results section, line 9, we have deleted “95%”. The result no reads: “(mean age 29.8, ± 4.50 SD vs. 28.9, ± 4.79 SD)”

- In figure legend 1 “allergy-related disorders” are corrected to “allergy-related diseases”.

- Under table 5, “c Adjusted for same as in b plus sensitisation” is corrected to “c Adjusted for b plus sensitisation”

- Under table 6, “c Adjusted for ² plus sensitisation” is corrected to “c Adjusted for b plus sensitisation”

In the revised manuscript we used language editing provided by Elsevier. We have once again carefully read through the manuscript and corrected spelling mistakes/orthographic mistakes as indicated above. Hopefully there are no more such mistakes.