Author's response to reviews

Title: A new growth chart for preterm babies: Babson and Benda’s chart updated with recent data and a new format

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I thank Dr Brabec again for his helpful comments and suggestions and have responded as requested:

2. Standard deviations for the Babson chart should be based on more information than the 3rd and 97th percentiles:
Response: Standard deviations were re-estimated using a least squares fit of the percentiles to the normal curve and these improved estimates were applied to the two comparisons, first of the comparisons of the means and second for the estimated percent of new values below Babson’s 10th percentile. Slight differences were seen in the results and these have been noted in the text on page 9.

4. Statement on measurement errors is problematic:
Response: this statement has been removed.