Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Hereby we would like to submit the second revision of the paper entitled “Postpartum behaviour as predictor of weight change from before pregnancy to one year postpartum” for publication as a research paper in BMC Public Health.

We have adjusted the manuscript according to the reviewer’s comments. Detailed information about the changes made in the manuscript is given in our response to the reviewer on the next page.

We are looking forward to your response.

Best regards,

Mireille van Poppel
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Reviewer Michelle Mottola

Compulsory Revisions:

1. We have provided the reasons in the text of the manuscript.
2. We have provided justification of the cut off point in the manuscript.
3. We divided this into 2 sentences as suggested.
4. We have changes as suggested.
5. We have changed the text according to the suggestions.
6. We have changed the sentence and removed the part about discriminating women with regards to weight change.
7. People find it difficult to report on sitting time, as we know anecdotally from people filling out those questions in questionnaires. This is because it much time during a day that people sit, since most people sit at work, sit during transport, sit during dinner and sit in the evening when watching TV and / or doing computer work. Because it consists of so many different reasons for sitting, it is not easy to recall the total time. It is easier to ask for specific sitting activities, such as watching TV.
8. We agree with the reviewer that this is an additional weak point of the study, and have added this to the discussion.

Minor Revisions:

All changes were made as suggested. Thank you for carefully reading the manuscript and improving the writing with your suggestions.

For point 13: we deleted the word 'qualitative', since this was not essential and only caused confusion.