Author's response to reviews

Title: Patterns and Determinants of Breastfeeding and complementary Feeding Practices of Emirati Mothers in the United Arab Emirates

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Please note that we have marked the reviewer’s comments in italics and my responses in bold.

Replies to comments of the reviewer: Suneth Agampodi

Thank you

Replies to comments of the reviewer: Colin Binns

1. It is not quite clear how Author arrived at the sample size. Is it that 200 women were selected per clinic or that total sample size was estimated to be 200?

The sample size was calculated to be 200 from each city and it was collected from 4 clinics in each city.

2. Author should pay include’s to Mother in Table 1 (education > level/employment); Table2 age, occupation, level of education); Table 5 (age, level of education, occupation)

(‘s) has been added to the to Mother in the Tables as requested.

3. Tables 4 and 6 are missing in the manuscript.

Tables 4 and 6 were deleted as requested by the other reviewer and the numbering of the tables has been corrected.

4. Page 12: It is necessary to include the standard deviation with the mean duration of breastfeeding stated to be 8.6 months.

The standard deviation has been added to the mean duration of breastfeeding.

5. Table 5: Author should place ‘1’ in the OR column for the reference variable instead of the asterisk.

As requested ‘1’ in the OR column for the reference variable was added instead of the asterisk.

7. Two decimal points will be sufficient for the OR and 95% Confidence intervals.

Changes to the OR and 95% Confidence intervals decimal points has been done as requested.

As requested the word has been corrected.

9. References: Author to follow Journal style regarding Journal abbreviation. Some Journals have been written in full while others were abbreviated.

As requested changes to the references has been done