Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor
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Thank you for the valuable comments on our manuscript entitled: ‘Overweight and obesity in expectant parents: socio-demographic patterns and within-couple associations. A population-based, cross-sectional study’.

We appreciated the second review, and the manuscript has now been revised according to the suggestions made by the reviewer. In the attached letter we have listed the reviewer’s comments and suggestions (bold italics) followed by our responses (normal font). Red font has been used to indicate the revised sections in the manuscript. All authors have approved the changes made in the final manuscript.

We hope that the revised manuscript will be acceptable for publication in BMC Public Health.

Best regards on behalf of all authors

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Major comments:
1. If you use odds ratios for these data (in which the prevalence of your outcome is not small), it will be better to refrain from words such as 'likelihood' and 'more likely.' The terminology is imprecise and may connote to (many) readers concepts of risk/probabilities, the approximation of which through odds is not defensible with high prevalence outcomes.

REPLY:
This is a relevant comment, and we have now changed the terminology throughout the manuscript according to the reviewer's suggestions.

2. Please add sample sizes to your tables (particularly table 5) with odds ratio estimates so that the reader can see the joint distribution and calculate percentages if they like.

REPLY:
We have now added sample sizes to table 5 as suggested.