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Dear editor!
Thank you for the positive comments to our paper. We have made the following changes according to the reviewers' comments:

Reviewer Robert Kunkel:
1) We had data on the exact duration of the aura among the migraineurs, and in all except 2 who could not remember, it always lasted more than 5 minutes. Two sentences about this has been added to the Results part (page 8, 1st paragraph): "Two migraine patients could not remember the duration of their aura, but could only remember that it had lasted some minutes. In all the others, it had lasted more than 5 minutes, as required by the ICHD-2 criteria." and in the Discussion part (page 12, 2nd paragraph): "In addition, all the migraine patients (except 2 who could not remember) had aura lasting more than 5 minutes. This may also be useful for differentiating the condition from TIA, which is often even shorter."

2) The term "hypothyreosis" has been changed to "hypothyreoidism"

Reviewer Randolph W Evans:
We have added one sentence and one reference about protein S (page 10, 3rd paragraph): "A fall in free protein S is a physiological adaption in a normal pregnancy [16]."

In addition to this, we detected an error in Table 3 on the number of smokers before and during the pregnancy which has been corrected.