Author's response to reviews

Title: Mother-to-child transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus in a ten years period.

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Dear Editors:

We are resubmitting our manuscript to the Reproductive Health for review and we are clarifying the doubts that still need to clarify.

Dr Luiza Matida ask us to put a table to visualize the distribution of cases in a historical series and we did it.

She also suggests to include the use of AZT to newborn and we agreed with it.

We also agreed to change the reference 1 to another with more recent data and to put HAART like a key word.

In this new version we put the approval of Research Ethics Committee in Methods, like she suggests and we change the figure one. We hope it will be better now.

Dr Regina Succi ask us to make some changes. We did the modification in figure one, because it was corrupted. We hope it will be better visualized now and it will offer the data she asked us about inclusion and exclusion criteria.

We also did the modification to the first CD4 realized to First CD4 realized at the pregnancy start. We also clarified the use of prophylatic and therapeutic HAART.

In the tables we put the definition of the itens, like copies/ml to viral load and cel/ml to CD4 and others she asked us.
We also change the item HAART in table 2 to only antiretroviral treatment and also correct the title in table 3.

She also asked for a multivariate analysis but one limitation of this study was the impossibility of multivariate analysis due to a limited number of infected newborns, which led us to interpretations based solely on risk ratios. We cannot do the multivariate analysis at the point of statistics possibility. But we think our data shows a big experience of a tertiary center which was the first to offer a multiprofessional team to attend HIV pregnant women in Brazil, and it works since 1988.

We believe that there was a final version and we are resubmitted for further evaluation.

Please, if you have any doubt, do not hesitate to contact me.

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