Author’s response to reviews

Title: MODIAB-Web a web-based support program for pregnant women and new mothers with type 1 diabetes mellitus in Sweden: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Subject: Re-submission

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to re-submit the manuscript titled: MODIAB-Web: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial. Please find our response with point by point descriptions of the changes made below, and changes in the manuscript redmarked:

Reviewer's report:

1.) The authors write that they will include 146 women in the abstract. According to the sample size estimation they would need 136 subjects and will include 160 subject, accounting for a 10% lost to follow-up rate. The authors should use a consistent number.

Response: We thank the reviewer for pointing out this inconsistency; we have realised that there was an error in the abstract and have added the right information as it was formulated in the main manuscript. See Abstract/Method

2.) HbA1c measurement will be performed during the study. It is not clear to me whether HbA1c measurement will be performed at a study site visit or whether they will use a reported HbA1c.

Response: HbA1c will be collected from the electronic medical record. This has been clarified in the text. See Methods/Secondary outcomes measures

Editorial requests:

1. Please ensure the title conforms to journal style for study protocol articles. The title should follow the format ?___________: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.?

Response: We have changed the title accordingly.

2. Please remove the extra 6 from your trial registration number.

Response: Thank you for pointing this out. We have adjusted the number.
3. Please include a list of abbreviations used and their meanings, after the Trial Status.

Response: A list of abbreviations has been added to the manuscript after Trial Status.

4. Please state that author 'PL' meets point 1 of the criteria for authorship: 1) have made substantial contributions to either conception and design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data.

Response: The paragraph on author’s contribution has been revised.

5. Please include a figure title and legend section after the reference list.

Response: Figure titles and legend section has been added after the reference list.

6. Please include an additional file title and legend section after the figure legend section.

Response: An additional file title and legend section has been added after the figure legend section.

In addition to the changes requested by the editorial office we have conducted a few other revisions. We have revised the transparent flow diagram as it was unclear in certain steps. The reference list now reflects the journal’s standard and a reference, accidently given two separate reference numbers, has been corrected.

Yours sincerely,

Karolina Linden on behalf of the authors