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Response letter to Reviewer 1- Philip Crispin

Dear Sir,

I am very much grateful for accepting the manuscript "The role of haematological indices in predicting early iron deficiency among pregnant women in urban area of Sri Lanka" (BHEM-D-18-00018R2) and very much thankful for your constructive remarks, which are meant to improve the manuscript.

I have addressed (in italic letters) your concerns point by point and the amendments were done in the manuscript according to the comments and are outlined as below.

Editorial Remarks 1

Minor suggestion:

• We notice Table 2 has not been cited in the text of your manuscript. Please ensure that all figures/tables are cited within the text.

Response-

I apologize for lapse. The table 2 was cited in the text.

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Please refer Line 13-14, Page 10

• Currently, the contributions of authors LG and HS do not automatically qualify them for authorship.

Response:

I apologize for the mentioned misconstrue. Both the authors were immensely contributed to the conception, interpretation of data and critical review for intellectual property in the manuscript.

Based on your valuable remarks we have rephrased the author’s contribution section.

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