Author's response to reviews

Title: Paternal postnatal depression and relationship with a partner in Japan: a cross sectional study

Authors:

Akiko Nishimura (nisimura@huhs.ac.jp)
Yuichi Fujita (fujita@huhs.ac.jp)
Mayumi Katsuta (mk11150@irchcn.ac.jp)
Aya Ishihara (a-ishihara@huhs.ac.jp)
Kazutomo Ohashi (ohashi@sahs.med.osaka-u.ac.jp)

Version: 2 Date: 10 October 2014

Author's response to reviews: see over
October 10, 2014

Dear Mr. Trinidad

Thank you for considering our paper “Paternal postnatal depression and relationship with a partner in Japan: a cross sectional study” (MS: 1528192410145181) for publication in BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth. We apologized our incomplete description concerning participation and informed consent.

We added the description to the new manuscript as follows:

Along with guidance for 4-month infant health examination, a written request to participate in the study and questionnaires for mothers and fathers were sent to all mothers 4 months after childbirth in 4 districts of Kobe city, Japan. The questionnaire was completed individually by each mother and father (without any discussion between the two) and was enclosed in an envelope at home. At a 4-month infant health examination, mothers and/or fathers brought the sealed envelopes and submitted them to a collection box in the examination room. We considered the submission of the questionnaire was equivalent to the consent to research participation, and did not obtain a written informed consent from each subject in the study.

We hope that these revisions are suitable for your comments.

We are looking forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Akiko Nishimura, RN, CNM, PhD
Hyogo University of Health Sciences,
1-3-6 Minatojima, Chuo-ku, Kobe, 650-8530, Japan.
Email: nisimura@huhs.ac.jp,
Tel: +81 78 304 3072. Fax: +81 78 304 2772.