Author's response to reviews

Title: The Study of Women, Infant Feeding and Type 2 Diabetes after GDM Pregnancy and Growth of Their Offspring (SWIFT Offspring Study): Prospective Design, Methodology and Baseline Characteristics

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Cover Letter:

To: Editorial Board BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

From: Erica P. Gunderson, PhD, Principal Investigator

Date: June 10, 2015

Re: Request to provide explanations to address editorial comments

Comment 1. Please provide an explanation as to why there is a difference between the title of the manuscript and that which is mentioned in the ethics and funding documents.

EXPLANATION:
The name/title was changed after the study was funded by the ADA to The SWIFT Offspring Study. The specific study protocol was reviewed and approved by the funding agency.

The Official Study Title is The SWIFT Offspring Study

A. FUNDING DOCUMENT

The Parent Study Name: The SWIFT Offspring Study

7-08-CR-25 (Gunderson) 07/01/2008-06/30/2011
American Diabetes Association
Breastfeeding and Infant Growth among GDM Offspring
This Clinical Research Award prospectively examines the relation of infant feeding method (breastfeeding intensity and duration) to growth and adiposity during the first year of life among the offspring of women with GDM, and postpartum adiposity in mothers.
Role: Principal Investigator

Current Funding: The SWIFT Offspring Study is ongoing using the cohort baseline datasets.

R21 DK103171-01 (Gunderson) 07/01/2014-06/30/2016
NIDDK
Infant Temperament and Early Infant Growth and Child Overweight in GDM Offspring
The study goal is to elucidate, for the first time, relationships between infant temperament and health behaviors, and their impact on infant growth in GDM offspring enrolled in the SWIFT Offspring Study, as well as conduct mediation analyses.
Role: Principal Investigator
B. ETHICS DOCUMENT

**Ethics Approval for the Study: The SWIFT Offspring Study: Breastfeeding and Infant Growth among GDM Offspring**

All IRB approvals for the SWIFT Offspring Study are submitted under the original title of “Breastfeeding and Infant Growth among GDM Offspring” which is also known as the SWIFT Offspring Study. This study name is listed on our IRB application, but the IRB did not include this name in their approval letter in order not to confuse this protocol with the SWIFT Study of Women with GDM. The Infant Temperament and Early Infant Growth and Child Overweight in GDM Offspring study is a study funded by NIDDK, and was also submitted under the original study IRB protocol as a modification to the study aims for The SWIFT Offspring Study: Breastfeeding and Infant Growth among GDM Offspring. This study collects additional data on the same SWIFT Offspring cohort who are now ages 4 years and older. This study protocol was approved as a modification of the current protocol to the original study, The SWIFT Offspring Study: Breastfeeding and Infant Growth among GDM Offspring. Therefore, all IRB approvals are issued under the parent study name above, and are currently active.

All specific protocols for the study were reviewed and approved by the ethics committee and have been reviewed and reapproved on an annual basis by the same ethics committee. They are covered and approved under the single application entitled, The SWIFT Offspring Study: Breastfeeding and Infant Growth among GDM Offspring.

**COMMENT 2.** Please confirm if the funding was part of a larger project and confirm if the specific protocol was reviewed as part of the process for awarding funding.

**EXPLANATION:**
The SWIFT Offspring Study name is part of the grant application, but not shown in the grant title. The specific protocol was reviewed and approved by the funding agency.

**COMMENT 3.** Please also ensure that the ethics and funding documents are removed from the additional files as indicated in the Instructions for Authors (http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/authors/instructions) as these are sensitive documentations.

**EXPLANATION:**
All the ethics and funding documents have been removed.

**COMMENT:** Additionally, I notice that Dr Gunderson’s email address on the manuscript front page is included as “Erica.Gunderson@.kp.org” rather than “Erica.Gunderson@kp.org”, if you would like to address this also.

**EXPLANATION:**
I confirm that my e-mail address is as follows: erica.gunderson@kp.org