Author's response to reviews

Title: The association between pelvic girdle pain and sick leave during pregnancy; a retrospective study of a Norwegian population.

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Dear Editor,

Re: The association between pelvic girdle pain and sick leave during pregnancy; a retrospective study of a Norwegian population.

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Thank you for your suggestions for improvement of the article. I hereby submit a new version of the article, with the following changes made in the text:

1. I have followed the BMC checklist for manuscript formatting, and the revised manuscript should now conform to the journal style.

2. The four typographical/grammatical errors have been corrected, but in other lines due to the new format. Corrections made are described below.

   Line 60: please change "less problems" to "fewer problems" - Changed in line 48.

   Line 159: please change "has been prevented to notify." to "has been prevented from notifying the employer immediately." - Changed in line 146.

   Line 200: please change "multiplicated" to "multiplied" - Changed in line 186.

   Line 290: please change "increase" to "increases" - Changed in line 275.

3. In the Background section, at line 86, the following text is added: "A moderate to high Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) in women with pelvic pain during pregnancy has been identified as a risk factor for persistent PGP 3-6 months after birth."

   A reference for this text has also been added as reference no. [12]; Gausel AM, Kjærmann I, Malmqvist S, Dalen I, Larsen JP, Økland I: Pelvic girdle pain 3-6 months after delivery in an unselected cohort of Norwegian women. Eur Spine J. 2015 Apr 22. [Epub ahead of print].
Yours sincerely,

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