Author’s response to reviews

Title: Huge Fetal Hepatic Hemangioma: Prenatal Diagnosis on Ultrasound and Prognosis

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Cover letter

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Tovah Honor Aronin
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Dear Dr. Aronin:

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript, entitled “Huge Fetal Hepatic Hemangioma: Prenatal Diagnosis on Ultrasound and Prognosis,” which had been submitted for publication in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth. A point-by-point response to the comments of the editors and reviewers is appended below.

This study provides a detailed description of the imaging characteristics of 6 huge fetal hepatic hemangiomas treated at our hospital. We believe that our study makes a significant contribution to the literature because it is the first to determine the incidence rate of these tumors and to describe the successful use of propranolol and dexamethasone as neonatal treatment. We believe that this paper will be of interest to the readers of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth because it focuses on a fetal disease that, despite its rarity, can have serious complications.
This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere in whole or in part and is not under consideration by another journal. All study participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by the appropriate ethics review board. We have read and understood the policies of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth, and we believe that neither the manuscript nor the study violates any of these. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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The following is a point-by-point response to the comments of the Editor and reviewers:

1. We confirm that written consent was obtained from participants. This has been addressed in the manuscript as suggested.

2. We have indeed provided all raw data on which our study is based. Availability of data and materials (see additional file 7)

3. We provided the detailed role of the funding body under the heading “funding”.

4. We updated the list of authors’ contributions to include the abbreviations of first and middle name for all authors.

5. All authors have made substantive intellectual contributions to this study. This has been explained in the authors’ contribution section.

6. We have provided figure legends under a separate heading of 'Figure Legends' after the References. The figure files only contain the images.

7. We have added additional files in the file inventory.

8. We have uploaded our manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs, or text in different colors.

9. page 5 lines 114-115: “because no signs of spontaneous labor were noted and the fetal heart rate was gradually slowing down (fetus 1).”