Author’s response to reviews

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Answer: The author Agatha S Rodrigues has been included because she performed the statistical analysis requested by the reviewers. We included the change in authorship form signed by all the authors. Also, there’s been a change in the order of authors motivated by the more active coordination held by Prof. L. Bernardes, which is also included in the authorship form signed by all the authors.

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b) Reviewer reports:

Tim Jancelewicz, MD (Reviewer 1): Improved. The authors have significantly enhanced the manuscript. Stylistically, would recommend going through and carefully editing multiple minor grammatical problems and being careful of decimal points (e.g. Line 116, 137, 147, 192). I would also add in the discussion that other prenatal predictors of severity such as o/e fetal lung volume by fetal MRI may add even more accuracy to prematurity prediction. Good work.

Answer: The grammar mistakes were corrected as well as the decimal points. The discussion of other possible predictors was included (Page 11 Line 231-234)

Richard Keijzer (Reviewer 2): I feel the authors have adequately addressed the issues raised in previous reviews. There are a few minor grammar and spelling mistakes that should be addressed.

Answer: The article was revised and the grammar mistakes were corrected.