**Author’s response to reviews**

**Title:** Exploring English speaking Muslim women’s first-time maternity experiences: A qualitative longitudinal interview study

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Dear Dr Jacquemyn

Thank you for the opportunity to address the reviewers' comments for the research article entitled ‘Exploring English speaking Muslim women’s first-time maternity experiences: A qualitative longitudinal interview study’. We have now addressed the comments and believe to have produced a much stronger paper.

Please see below for detailed changes made to the reviewers' comments:

1) In regards to the clarity on sampling method – this was addressed under the subheading participant and recruitment page 7 (line 23-29). The study uses purposeful sampling whereby the researcher approaches the Muslim women who were recognizably pregnant directly in a local mosque and local community groups in Merseyside.

2) In regards to study’s limitations:

a) Recruiting from local mosque - this was addressed under the subheading participant and recruitment page 7 (line 29-39). The researcher was familiar with the local mosque setting as a place of worship but also as community centre and a social hub used by many local Muslims. The researcher recognized that approaching participants at the local mosque might limit the study to participants that attend such place. Therefore, the researcher also approach women directly through existing local Muslim women community groups, such as the Mother & Toddler group and Somali women breastfeeding group.

b) Study’s limitations – this was addressed under the subheading of strength and limitations page 20 (line 19-60).
3) In regards to data saturation - this was addressed under the subheading participant and recruitment page 8 (line 14-19), final paragraph. Early process of data analysis and the identification of initial patterns indicated that there was no new emerging information.

Finally, the manuscript was reviewed for grammatical errors. Spelling mistakes, typing errors, constancy of words used such as ‘women’ ‘okay’ ‘maternity’ and punctuation were corrected to enhance the language.

I look forward to your response in due course

Yours sincerely

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