Author’s response to reviews

Title: Maternal Vegetable Intake During and After Pregnancy

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Thank you for the invitation to re-revise and resubmit our manuscript now entitled “Maternal Vegetable Intake During and After Pregnancy” (PRCH-D-18-01413.” We have revised the paper based on the reviewers’ comments and believe that the manuscript has been strengthened by their suggestions.

Below, please find our point-by-point response to the reviewer comments (in italics). Changes to the manuscript have been highlighted in grey.

Editor Comments:

Thank you, as you replied my previous comments. Following, there are some comments that are necessary to be addressed in the manuscript.

1. Please add the objective of the study in the Background section of abstract.

   We have added the objective to the abstract.

2. Please correct the style of references in the “Background”. Some of the references are superscript and some are not.

   Thank you- these corrections have been made.
3. Method: did authors ask any question about physical activity pre-partum or postpartum?

Unfortunately, as part of this cohort, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who conducted this study did not ask these questions. This study was specifically designed to explore only infant feeding. We agree however that this would be very interesting to pursue in the future.

4. Page 9: lines 221-223: the following statement left incomplete: Separate multivariable logistic regression models were used to examine socio-demographic predictors of either improved (versus stable inadequate) and reduced vegetable intake (versus stable adequate) or.

We have ensured that this sentence was complete.

5. Please use the abbreviation name of the journals in the references list.

We have made sure that our referencing style is BMC pregnancy and childbirth.

6. One of my previous comments remained un-changed: I recommended that authors use months instead of weeks for breastfeeding (Table 2).

We apologize for this oversight; we have made this change in the text and the tables.