Author’s response to reviews

Title: Impacts of antenatal nursing interventions on mothers’ breastfeeding self-efficacy: An experimental study

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Reviewers’ Comments and Authors Response

Dear Dr. Helen Roberton, Editors of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth Journal

We would like to thank the editor and the reviewers for careful and thorough reading of this manuscript and for the thoughtful comments and constructive suggestions. We have carried out the experiments in the third revision of our manuscript that the reviewers suggested and revised the manuscript accordingly, which help to improve the quality of our manuscript. We hope the revised manuscript will better suit the BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth Journal, and we thank you for your continued interest in our research. Here is a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments and concerns. We have highlighted the changes within the manuscript.

Sincerely,

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Comments from Reviewer 2

Comment 1: There are a few missing words (ex. Line 10, Page 6 "cancer" after breast) and spelling errors (Line 8, Page 12 - significantly is spelled incorrectly and "compare" should be compared).
Response: Thank you very much. The correction has been made. [Methods--Study tools for data collection, Page 5, paragraph 1,] and [Result-Page number 12, paragraph 2]

Comment 2: Line 18 on Page 13 to Line 13 on Page 14 - I fail to see how this adds to your discussion section.
Response: In our study we cited many studies which their results were congruent with our results. In the mentioned pages and lines we were very interested to discuss a study that was not in line with our study, as well as we try to justify and rationalize this discrepancy .Also we revised them a little bit to make more sense. [Discussion - Breastfeeding self-efficacy - Page 13, paragraph 3, and Page 14,
paragraph 1].

Comment 3: Line 20-23 on Page 15 and Line 4-9 on Page 16 - these sentences need a re-write for clarity.
Response: They have been re-written. [Discussion - Exclusively Breastfeeding- Page 15, paragraph 5 and 7]

Comment 4: Line 15 on Page 16 - could you clarify WHO are the people who prefer formula feeding in this statement and why they prefer it?
Response: I am regret, that I failed to reach my idea, I meant the Kurdish people. The statement has been revised for more clarification. [Discussion - Exclusively Breastfeeding- Page 16, paragraph 3.]

Comment 5: Line 1-2 on Page 17 - this sentence requires a re-write for clarity.
Response: They have been re-written. [Discussion - Breastfeeding knowledge and attitudes - Page 16, last paragraph].

Comment 6: I do think that your Conclusion section could benefit from an additional statement or two on how this intervention and others like it could positively benefit women and their babies in terms of morbidity and mortality when breastfeeding rates are increased (especially exclusive breastfeeding).
Response: Thank you for your suggestion. It was done. [Conclusion - Page 19, paragraph 2.]