Author’s response to reviews

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

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Dear Dr. Janelle Coore, Editor of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth Journal

We would like to thank for giving us the opportunity to submit a revised draft of our manuscript again. We appreciate the time and effort that you have dedicated to providing your valuable feedback on our manuscript. We hope that, we have been able to incorporate the essential changes that you suggested in our revised manuscript. We are hopeful that, this revised manuscript will be more suitable the BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth Journal. Here is a point-by-point responses to the comments and concerns.

Sincerely,

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Editor’s Comments and Authors’ Response

Comment 1: Please note that the title page should only include:
- present the title that includes, if appropriate, the study design
- list the full names, institutional addresses and email addresses for ALL authors
- indicate the corresponding author
As such please remove the Authors' Contributions, Acknowledgements and Funding from this title page and only include them in the acknowledgements.

Response:
- The study design was added to the title in the title page.
- The full names, institutional addresses and email addresses for ALL authors were listed in the title page.
- Corresponding author was identified in the title page.
Comment 2: In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section, please confirm that your ethics committee formally approved verbal consent and how the verbal consent was documented.

Response:
People, particularly illiterate people in our society (Iraq and Kurdistan region), prefer to give a verbal permission to participate in a study rather than to sign a written consent form. Therefore, it is well accepted pattern by both universities and population to conduct a research by verbal consent of study subjects, especially for those studies that don’t include any invasive procedure. Since the level of intervention (implementing of a breastfeeding education program) of this study considered to be safe. Thus, ethical committee of College of Nursing/ Hawler Medical University granted approval of this study unconditionally, unless protection of confidentiality and anonymity of all personal information of the study sample. A copy of ethical approval was attached.

Comment 3: Please note that the Consent for publication statement refers to consent obtained to include any individual person’s data in any form (including individual details, images or videos). Therefore, please state “Not applicable” in this section as no personal information is provided in your manuscript.

Response: It is “Not applicable” in this study. It was added to the Consent for Publication in ‘‘Declaration” section.

Comment 4: Please note the Availability of data statement should detail the location of any RAW data underlying the conclusions made in this study. We note that only summarized data is presented in this manuscript, so we would like to ask that you amend this statement.

Response: The datasets analyzed and the materials used during the current report are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request. It was added to the related section.

Comment 5: Please remove the response to reviewers file from the file inventory, as it is no longer needed.
Response: It was removed.

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Response: It was proofread and a single clean copy of the revised manuscript was uploaded.

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Response: The individual contributions of authors to the manuscript was specified and it was added to the related section.