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Dear Prof. Bezerra Alves,

Your manuscript "Magnesium supplementation and preeclampsia in low-income pregnant women – a randomized double-blind clinical trial" (PRCH-D-19-01896R1) has been assessed by our reviewers. Based on these reports, and my own assessment as Editor, I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth, once you have carried out some essential revisions suggested below:

Dear Editor, we appreciate your attention and care with our manuscript. Please see below our answers to your queries. We hope we have addressed your concerns.

1. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

"Oral magnesium supplementation for leg cramps in pregnancy—An observational controlled trial"

https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0227497

"Magnesium in pregnancy"
This overlap mainly exists in the Methods and Discussion sections.

While we understand that this is work that you have previously published, and some of the same ideas are contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. We would therefore be grateful if you could reformulate in your own words the overlap between your manuscript and other sources. Additionally, please include a statement in the Methods section indicating that similar methods were used in your previous study along with a reference to that study.

Answer: The Methods and Discussion sections were reformulated and overlaps were corrected. A statement in the Methods section indicating that similar methods were used was included.

2. In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section, please include the full un-abbreviated name of the ethics committee.

Answer: The full un-abbreviated name of the ethics committee was included.

3. Please confirm whether the consent was written or verbal. If verbal, please confirm that your ethics committee formally approved this consent and how the verbal consent was documented. For more information regarding our ethics policy, please go to:

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Answer: All participants provided written informed consent. This phrase was included in the Ethical consideration section.

4. Please be sure to include the full un-abbreviated name of each of the funding bodies in the Funding section.

Answer: This was done.

5. If you do not wish to publish the CONSORT checklist then please remove it from the file inventory and include a statement within the manuscript that you adhered to CONSORT guidelines/methodology.

Answer: This statement was included in the Study design section.

6. Please remove the response to reviewer from the file inventory, as it is no longer needed at this stage.

Answer: This was done.

7. Please proofread and ensure that when you upload your revised submission it is in the final form for publication. Please remove any tracked changes or highlighting and include only a single clean copy of the manuscript. Should you wish to respond to these revision requests, please include the information in the designated input box only.

Answer: A single clean copy of the manuscript was included.