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Ms Taylor Hayes
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Dear Ms Hayes

Thank you for the opportunity to make final revisions to our manuscript “Effect of nipple shield use on milk removal: a mechanistic study” so as to make the manuscript potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth. Please see below our response to the editor comments.

Please clarify whether the questionnaire used in your study was developed for this study or has previously been published elsewhere. If the questionnaire has been published elsewhere please provide a reference to it in your manuscript. If the questionnaire was developed for this study please upload an English language version as a supplementary file.

The Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) and McGill Pain Pain Questionnaires (MPQ) used in our study are published, validated pain assessment tools. References are cited where the pain questionnaires
are mentioned in the Methods section (Page 6, lines 123-124), with the full citations provided in the Reference list.

As requested, a final clean version of the manuscript has been uploaded for consideration.

Sincerely,

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