Response to Assistant Editor Comments:

1. Data Permission

Please can you clarify under 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' that permission was obtained from the DNBC to collect the data in your study. Please can you also clarify whether this data was collected retrospectively from already existing data.

if the data was collected prospectively (directly from the participants) we will need a consent to participate statement, this would need to specify the type of consent (written or verbal) and whether parental permission was obtained for any minors under the age of 16.

Response: The Committee for Biomedical Research Ethics in Denmark gave permission to collect information on participants in the DNBC after the mother’s informed consent. The data was collected prospectively. Data on the children’s height were collected from a registry, where approval from The Committee for Biomedical Research Ethics in Denmark is not needed, but the study needs to be registered at The Danish Data Protection Agency. We have rephrased the section to: “The Committee
for Biomedical Research Ethics in Denmark approved the prospective collection of data in the DNBC ((KF)01-471/94). A written informed consent was obtained from mothers upon recruitment covering both mother’s and offspring’s participation until they turn 18 years of age. Data on the children’s height were based on existing data from a national registry, the Children’s Database. The present study was registered at The Danish Data Protection Agency (2015-57-0002).”

2. Authors Contributions

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If these guidelines are not met, we would request the following change of authorship form be filled out and sent to our editorial office - https://www.biomedcentral.com/submissions/editorial-policies#authorship

Response: We have now specified the contributions of all authors.

3. Data Availability

Please can you clarify in your response whether data can be made available with permission. If so please update your statement, for example data is available from the corresponding author on reasonable request with permission from XXX.

Response: The corresponding author has no license to share the data, but access to data can be applied for directly to the DNBC’s steering committee at dnbc-research@ssi.dk. The statement has been rephrased to: “The dataset analyzed in the study is not publicly available due to national data security legislation on sensitive personal data. Access to data can be applied for at dnbc-research@ssi.dk.”

4. Methods

Please ensure that the following paper has been cited within the methods and included within your reference list;

https://academic.oup.com/humrep/article/26/5/1000/671266

Response: This paper is cited in the background section (reference 30) and is included in the reference list. We have not cited this in the methods section.

5. Formatting

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files are cited within the text.

Response: All figures, tables and supplementary files have been cited in the text. A single clean version of the manuscript has been submitted with additional files and figures uploaded separately.

6. Acknowledgements

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Response: This has been changed accordingly.