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Dr. Byrne

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Dear Dr. Byrne,

Thank you for so rapidly reviewing our revised manuscript: “Decision-making about antidepressant medication use in pregnancy: a comparison between women making the decision in the preconception period versus in pregnancy”. We are very pleased to learn that it will be potentially acceptable for publication in your journal.

Below, please find our response to your comment. We have included the original comment in {} and our response follows the -&gt; sign. We have included changes to the manuscript within our response, and changed words are highlighted with **. A track changes manuscript is attached.

We hope that these changes meet your and your team’s expectations, and that the changes will render the manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Psychiatry.

Sincerely, and on behalf of all co-authors,

Lucy Barker, MD, FRCPC

{ 1.    In your Ethics approval section, please clarify whether consent obtained from participants was written or verbal. If consent was obtained verbally please include reasoning for this and state if an IRB approved this method of obtaining consent.}

-&gt;We have clarified this in our Ethics approval section:

“The parent trial was approved by the Research Ethics Board *(REB)* at Women’s College Hospital, and *written* informed consent was obtained from all individual participants included in the study *as per the REB-approved protocol.*” [Page 18, Line 5-7]
We have also clarified this in the methods section of the main manuscript:

“Under the supervision of the principal investigator (SV), trained research personnel confirmed eligibility and *reviewed* consent *processes* in-person or by phone, *obtained written informed consent,* and collected data online or by phone.” [Page 5, Lines 6-9]