Author’s response to reviews

Title: Maternal cardiometabolic markers are associated with fetal growth: A secondary exploratory analysis from the LIMIT randomised trial.

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Dear Danielle Talbot,

Re: Maternal cardiometabolic markers are associated with fetal growth: A secondary exploratory analysis from the LIMIT randomised trial.” (BEND-D-19-00206)

Thank you for the review of our manuscript. In relation to the minor revisions, I have responded below.

Please include the full name of the ethics committee (and the institute to which it belongs to) that approved this study and the committee’s reference number if appropriate.

We have checked the names of the 3 Ethics committees that were involved in the LIMIT randomised controlled trial and these include:

(1) Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) Human Research Ethics Committee's (application REC 1839/6/2012)
(2) Ethics of Human Research Committee, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Lyell McEwin Hospital (application 2008033)
(3) Flinders Clinical Research Ethics Committee, Flinders Medical Centre (Application 128/08)
The Ethics approval paragraph has been modified and is shown below (Page 7, Paragraph 2);

‘Each collaborating site obtained their individual ethics approval for the LIMIT randomised controlled trial including The Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) Human Research Ethics Committee's (application REC 1839/6/2012); Ethics of Human Research Committee, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Lyell McEwin Hospital (application 2008033); and Flinders Clinical Research Ethics Committee, Flinders Medical Centre (Application 128/08). The fetal growth ancillary study was approved in April 2008 by the The Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) Human Research Ethics Committee's (HREC) (application 2051/4).’

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or queries.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Cecelia O’Brien