Author’s response to reviews

Title: Association of maternal omega-6 fatty acid intake with infant birth outcomes: Korean Mothers and Children's Environmental Health (MOCEH) study

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Editors' comments

It is an interesting paper but it should be thoroughly revised before being considered to send for peer review. Main points of concern include:

Authors: We appreciate the valuable comments and helpful suggestions. Please find the responses below. A professional native English speaker has edited the manuscript.

- Misuse of causal vocabulary "effect", "affects", "will improve". It should be avoided and replaced by "associations", "could improve", etc.

Authors: Thank you for this comment. Following your suggestion, we have avoided misuse of causal vocabulary, by using, for example, "associations" and "could improve".
- Abstract results, last sentence is misleading: they are not quintiles of birth length.

Authors: Thank you for this important comment. We have revised the last sentence in the abstract results. (Lines 45 – 47)

- English language needs to be revised. E.g. Objective sentence at the end of the introduction. Inaccurate or inappropriate wording. E.g. "have been hard to find"

Authors: Following your suggestion, we have revised the objective sentence at the end of the introduction. (Lines 66 – 68 & 83 – 86)

- Background is not justified properly. First two sentences contradict each other "maternal FA intake affects pregnancy" and "not clearly elucidated".

Authors: We have revised the first two sentences in the background for clarification. (Lines 53 – 55)