Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Marianne Vidler,

We thank you and the reviewer for the positive assessment of our manuscript “Miscarriage hospitalisations: A national population-based study of incidence and outcomes, 2005-2016”.

The authors have reviewed the comments and revised the manuscript based on them, and submit herewith a revised manuscript. The manuscript has been revised in Microsoft Word using Tracking.

Again we thank you and the reviewer for your time and effort. We believe that the manuscript has been much improved by the reviewing process and hope that it is now suitable for publication in BMC Reproductive Health.

If any further information or clarity would be helpful, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Yours Sincerely,

Indra San Lazaro Campillo

Reviewer reports:

Reviewer #1: This is an interesting paper on miscarriage in Ireland during 2005-2016 using electronic records. Overall it is well designed and well written and merits publication. The methods and analyses are appropriate and the conclusions are supported by the data.

Response: Thank you for your comment. The authors appreciate your time in reading and reviewing our manuscript.

Reviewer #2: Modified definition of miscarriage (≤25 weeks) for the study include stillbirths. Therefore it is better to restrict the analysis to early miscarriage (<13 weeks) and this gestational age category exist in the HIPE data set. This approach will capture only miscarriage but no stillbirths leading to ease in comparison of this data with other data in the literature. More ever 90% of the miscarriages in this study are <13 weeks.

There is also need for editing the manuscript for English language.

Response: Thank you very much for your suggestion. The authors have re-analysed the data using only early miscarriage (<14 completed weeks of gestation). Methods, results, discussion, tables and figures have been modified accordingly.

We have also revised the document for English language.