

## **Author's response to reviews**

**Title:** Support to woman by a companion of her choice during childbirth: a randomized controlled trial

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Dear Dr. Regina Kulier  
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Dear Dr. Kulier,

I am re-submitting to the Reproductive Health for publication our article entitled **“Support to woman by a companion of her choice during childbirth: a randomized controlled trial”**. We saw carefully all comments and suggestions issued by both reviewers and we agreed with all of them. We incorporated them in the text as following:

Reviewer 1:

- The reviewer says that it is unusual in a clinical trial to have 100% complete data for all outcomes and ask to confirm if there are missing data in any outcome. No, in fact we are able to really have information for absolutely all subjects in the study and the denominator are always the same (105 and 107 respectively for intervention and control group).
- As suggested the (range) is included as information in tables where continuous data are described.

Reviewer 2:

- Suggestion regarding the legal situation of companionship during birth in Brazil and its potential helpful effect for other similar settings. This was included in the last paragraph of Introduction and in the first paragraph of Discussion session.
- The relationship between the active management of labor procedure and the finding of less meconium-stained amniotic fluid in the support group. This was included in the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph of Method and in the 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph of Discussion session.

We hope to have adequately covered all aspects pointed out by reviewers. Please let me know if any other concern arises.

Sincerely yours

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