

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Name of journal: World Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology

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Title: *Streptococcus agalactiae*: sensitivity profile in pregnant women attended at Health Units in northeastern Brazil

Reviewer's code: 04670810

Dear reviewer,

We are glad for the great evaluation and for your comments about our manuscript. Your suggestions were very useful in the improvement of the scientific quality of this article.

Although we recognize that similar studies with samples of larger numbers of individuals have been carried out around the world, we understand that it is important that these studies are carried out with different populations. In this sense, the sample size is in accordance with the number of pregnancies and deliveries in the region, as described in the methodology.

In addition, as it is a regional study, there is a need to use some references that can be seen as outdated or of low impact. However, they are in accordance with the reality of the region in which the study was inserted (from epidemiological data to the materials that are accessible for carrying out the analysis techniques) and therefore were extremely important for the results obtained. As for conceptual references, such as 1 and 2 (highlighted in yellow), they were changed to more current articles and with better impact factors, as suggested by you.

We thank you for your comments and your commitment to quality scientific production. In addition, other changes were made throughout the manuscript to improve its quality:

- 1) Reference to the last topic of the introduction, highlighted in **green**, was provided;
- 2) Greater detail of the methods, from the collection of vagino-rectal swab samples, to the identification of GBS strains, in **blue**;
- 3) Also, individuals fluent in the English language carried out a language quality review throughout the article.

Best regards,

Fabício Freire de Melo

Professor, PhD

Reviewer's code: 03271970

Dear reviewer,

Thank you for your evaluation of our manuscript. No changes were instructed by you, but the following changes were made in order to improve the quality of our manuscript:

- 4) Reference to the last topic of the introduction, highlighted in **green**, was provided;
- 5) Update of conceptual references for articles that better evaluated in the area. Highlighted in **yellow**;
- 6) Greater detail of the methods, from the collection of vagino-rectal swab samples, to the identification of GBS strains, in **blue**;
- 7) In addition, individuals fluent in the English language carried out a language quality review throughout the article.

Best regards,

Fabício Freire de Melo

Professor, PhD

Reviewer's code: 00742373

Dear reviewer,

Thank you very much for the valuable comments about our manuscript. They were very important for the improvement of the quality of this article. Aiming to attend to your suggestions, the following changes were made:

- 1) Reference to the last topic of the introduction, highlighted in **green**, was provided;
- 2) Greater detail of the methods, from the collection of vagino-rectal swab samples, to the identification of GBS strains, in **blue**;
- 3) In addition, individuals fluent in the English language carried out a language quality review throughout the article.

Best regards,

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