

Ms. Ref. No.: WJCP_24682 (Factors affecting breastfeeding duration in Greece: what is important?)

Dear Prof. Garin,

Thank you for the constructive comments of the Reviewers and the proposed revision. We have revised the manuscript accordingly.

In detail:

- 1) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 1 and selected 1 Title Page from our manuscript.
- 2) We have complied with the suggestions of Reviewers 1 & 4 and explained the methodology, which was followed in the breastfeeding initiation study, which was the benchmark population for the current analysis (Methods, Study population and data collection at baseline, paragraph 2, lines 2-8, paragraph 4, lines 3-8, and paragraph 5, lines 1-5).
- 3) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 1, and explained which responses comprised the “Other”, and “Other medical” categories of Table 4 (results, paragraph 4, lines 3-7, and footnote in Table 4).
- 4) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 1 and clarified the Figure section of our manuscript. In order to achieve this, we omitted the previously constructed Figure 1 from the revised version of the manuscript, and we expanded the respective paragraph in the Discussion section (Discussion, paragraph 3, 5-11).
- 5) We have taken the suggestion of Reviewer 2, about the previously numbered Figure 2 (currently Figure 1). The Figure and respective legend are clearly depicted in the revised version of the manuscript.

- 6) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 2, and included 7 new references from articles published in the last 2 years in our reference list (authors' references 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 20, 21). The overall percentage of references newer than 5 years in the reference list of the revised version of the manuscript is 28%.
- 7) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 2, and corrected grammar and spelling errors throughout the manuscript.
- 8) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 3, and performed a correlation analysis comparing the age of breastfeeding mothers to their period of active lactation (Methods, Statistical analysis, paragraph 1, lines 14 & 15, Results, paragraph 11, lines 4-7).
- 9) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 4, and reported the inclusion criteria for the breastfeeding initiation study (Methods, Study population and data collection at baseline, paragraph 2, lines 2-8).
- 10) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 4, and clearly indicated the person responsible for the follow-up phone calls (Methods, Data collection during follow-up, paragraph 1, lines 3 & 4).
- 11) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 4, and added p-values for every result reported in Table 5, both within the Table, and in the respective paragraphs of the Results section.
- 12) We have complied with the suggestion of Reviewer 4, and shortened the Discussion section by 10%.
- 13) We have complied with the suggestion of the Editorial Office and highlighted the changes in the revised version of the manuscript in yellow.

The revised version of the manuscript has been read and approved by all authors. It is not under consideration or review elsewhere.

Looking forward to hearing from you again, and thanking you again for the constructive comments of the Reviewers,

Sincerely yours,

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