

Responses to Reviewers'/Editors' comments regarding the submitted letter to the Editor titled "Are pregnancy-associated hypertensive disorders so sweet?"

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: well written paper.

We thank the Reviewer for his/her comments.

Reviewer #2:

Specific Comments to Authors: In the submitted letter, the authors asked the question to the authors of a recently published article showing a high association between hypertension with pregnancy. The submitted letter will improve if the authors put their opinion on the possibilities of such an association.

We thank the Reviewer for his/her comments. In the revised version of our submission we have added the following text: "A tentative explanation could be that racial/ethnic differences were implicated in this elevated rate of hypertension: blacks and hispanics have a two-fold higher rate of hypertension in pregnancy compared to whites. Nevertheless, approximately 75% of the population which was included in the study by Xaverius et al were white."

Reviewer #3:

Specific Comments to Authors: The topic is interesting. The impressive finding "pregnant women with diabetes, at least 84.5% of the subjects had hypertension" delivered by the large study, merits additional clarifications.

We thank the Reviewer for his/her comments and fully agree with his/her remark that this finding merits further clarifications by the Authors.