

## Author response #2005/178

### Reviewer 1

1. **Eliminate the repetition of definitions of positive health practices (p.3)-** done
2. **The claim regarding prenatal care requires justification-** statement was removed
3. **The PRQ85-Part 2 measures perceived social support, yet the definition given for social support does not include mention of the support received-** although the PRQ85-Part 2 is based on Weiss' definition of social support, Weiss does not use the word perceived in that definition.  
**GHRI measures general health perceptions, yet the name of the concept is perceived health status-** perceived health status is a representative variable for general health (p. 5).  
**Figure depicting hypothesized models-** 2 new figures were added
4. **No rationale given for using two mediational models instead of one model with both mediators-** done (p. 3)
5. **Mediators vs. moderators-** addressed on p.3.
6. **Depression-** removed.
7. **Demographic data sheet-** included with the instruments
8. **Power analysis-** p. 7
9. **Reason for refusal to participate-** done (p. 12)
10. **Arrow heads should be added to Figures 1 and 2-** the arrow heads were there- I'm not sure why they didn't show up.
11. **The correlation between being depressed currently and positive health practices** – reference to depression was removed
12. **Revision of the HPQ-II** – addressed on p. 18
13. **Recommendation of replication of the study with a minority sample-** changed to a more diverse sample

## Reviewer 2

1. **Problem statement: background to support the relevance of examining the mediators** –addressed on p. 3
2. **Literature review:** Norbeck’s work was added to the literature review
3. **Theoretical framework:** addressed on p. 7
4. **Research design:**
  - a. **Risk status not controlled for:** these pregnant women had few risk factors. For inclusion in the study, the participants had to have been experiencing an uncomplicated pregnancy.
  - b. **Impact of gestational age, parity, and previous childbirth experience-** addressed on p. 15
  - c. **Impact of discomforts of pregnancy on the GHRI-** since the GHRI measures general health perceptions, I felt it was an appropriate instrument to use. Since these pregnant women were low-risk, I didn’t think common discomforts of pregnancy would alter perception of their current health, prior health, health outlook, resistance to illness, and health worry/concern.
  - d. **Depression:** removed from the manuscript