

Dear Dr. Doherty,

I probably am confused--I did address each of the comments in "Author Response 2", so I'm not too sure what you want. Should I revise the author response to say "no changes were made to the manuscript regarding this reviewer comment because.....", or does everything need to be addressed in the manuscript? For example, in my 2nd author response I wrote:

On page 17, the author points out that.....According to Kenny (<http://davidakenny.net/cm/mediate.htm#>) multiple mediators can be run separately or simultaneously, but he also cautions that to run them together, the mediators should not be highly correlated. The two mediators in this study were highly correlated ($r = .57, p = .01$) and therefore two separate models were indicated.

I did address this in the first revision :

To construct a theoretical framework and to better understand the relationship between social support and positive health practices in pregnant women, the mediators were examined individually.(page 8--copy edited).

Do I also need to include what I wrote in the author response (above)? I was afraid the manuscript would be too lengthy.

I appreciate the time you are taking to help me. This will certainly be a valuable lesson.

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Re: Mediators of the relationship between social support and positive health practices in pregnant women

Dear Dr. Cannella:

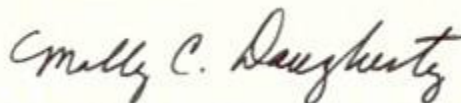
Recently you sent your re-revised manuscript for consideration by *Nursing Research*. Perhaps our language in our letter of June 14 was not clear. It will be necessary for you to address the reviewer comments by including changes in the manuscript. Your inclusions need not be long, but by making clarifying changes, the quality of your report will be enhanced.

We will not consider your manuscript further until additional changes are made or you justify not making them in your letter of reply.

You may e-mail your revised manuscript with responses to Sherry Handfinger at handfing@email.unc.edu. Explicitly outline how you addressed each of the issues raised by the reviewers.

Let me know if you have any questions or need further information at this time preferably by email. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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