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RE: Manuscript Number ONG-18-2049

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Prenatal Insomnia: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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This is a re-submission of the revised manuscript entitled “Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Prenatal Insomnia: A Randomized Controlled Trial” to *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

We appreciate the careful review and the opportunity to revise and resubmit. We have tracked changes whenever addressing a comment and also reference the line number where each point is addressed. However, we did not track additional edits that were made purely for condensing the text of the introduction and discussion to conform to the word count requirement. Please see below my signature point by point response to all the comments by the reviewers and the editorial board.

Word counts:

Abstract: 284 words

Introduction: 250 words

Discussion: 745 words

Total: 5,133 words, 22 pages

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## RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS AND EDITORIAL BOARD COMMENTS

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**RESPONSE:** Regarding prior work on CBTI in non-pregnant populations, we now explicitly state that CBTI has strong empirical support (lines 65). Regarding prior work on CBTI during pregnancy, we moved the mention of two studies of CBTI-based approaches during pregnancy from the discussion to the introduction (lines 69-71). We note that there were no published studies about CBTI in pregnant women when we began our study. These two small studies were published in the past two years and neither was an RCT.

One of these two studies was a single arm evaluation of group CBTI; it found a significant pre- to post-treatment decrease in ISI among 13 treatment completers <sup>1</sup>. The other study evaluated a self-help version of CBTI using a quasi-experimental design; it found no significant effect of the intervention during pregnancy among 24 treatment completers <sup>2</sup>.

2. All components of CONSORT are included.

**RESPONSE:** NA

3. It would be nice to have information on the accessibility of the treatment. For example, there is a computerized version that is available, although not tested in pregnant women, they would make the intervention accessible to practitioners. This also would enhance the clinical significance of the findings reported herein.

**RESPONSE:** We agree and added to the last paragraph a brief discussion of access to care, including availability of internet based CBTI (lines 341-344).

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- a. The methods might include something about each therapy. An Ob/Gyn readership is not likely to understand what active control therapy entails. Might also mention the inclusion criteria.

**RESPONSE:** We added to the abstract details about the interventions (lines 34-37). We moved inclusion criteria from the results to the method section of the abstract and added exclusion criteria (lines 32-34).

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**RESPONSE:** We added the definition of insomnia remission to the methods section of the abstract (line 30).

We also moved the definition from the results to the methods section of the manuscript (line 175).

- c. The conclusion is that CBTI is an effective "alternative to pharmacological treatments," but the authors did not study pharmacological treatment.

**RESPONSE:** We replaced the text: "alternative to pharmacological treatments" with the text: "non-pharmacological treatment" (line 49).

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**RESPONSE:** We added information about why the ISI was selected for the primary outcome (lines 75). We also added prevalence information (lines 59-60).

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**RESPONSE:** We agree and deleted the discussion of negative consequences of poor sleep during pregnancy and added a discussion of reasons why pregnant women have trouble sleeping and when this constitutes an insomnia disorder that merits treatment (lines 56-59). To adhere to word limitation (250 words in the introduction) we did not discuss why pregnant women have trouble sleeping, assuming that readership of this journal will be familiar with pregnancy related factors that impact sleep, which include physical discomfort, fetal movement, and nocturia. Some of these factors were already mentioned in the discussion section.

- c. Rather than explaining that the AASM does not recommend sedative hypnotics, might educate us about different types of non-pharmacologic options.

**RESPONSE:** We removed the sentence about AASM recommendations. Given the word limitation of the introduction section (250 words) we maintained our focus on CBTI and did not add a discussion of other non-pharmacological therapies for insomnia. We note here that there are a few studies of mind-body treatments, such as Tai Chi, yoga, and acupuncture, for insomnia in the general population but empirical support for these interventions is not strong<sup>3</sup>.

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**RESPONSE:** We did not systematically screen all women receiving prenatal care for insomnia. Instead we screened only those who were interested in the study, and therefore we cannot

derive estimates of prevalence from our data. Prevalence estimates of insomnia based on past research are explicated in lines 59-60.

- b. Why 18-32 weeks? This spans early 2nd trimester to mid-third. Suggest adjusting for trimester or stratifying. Also, why was the minimal duration of insomnia modified from 3 months to 1 month?

**RESPONSE:**

The lower limit, 18 weeks, was selected for several reasons. It was more efficient to recruit from ultrasound facilities than from prenatal office visits. Therefore, many women were given information about the study during their nuchal translucency ultrasounds at the end of the first trimester, allowing them time to consider study participation. This led to a concern about the possibility of having under-representation of women in the first trimester. The upper limit, 32 weeks, was selected to allow enough time to screen, treat and conduct post treatment assessments before delivery. Finally, we attempted to minimize potentially confounding differences (e.g. nausea/vomiting or physical differences) that may arise at different periods during pregnancy, leading us to choose a time period rather than the entire duration of pregnancy.

As reported in the original submission, we tested a model where we adjusted for gestation week at study entry and found that the results remained the same.

In our original NIH proposal we intended to use the DSM-IV-TR. The DSM-5 was published after we received the NIH award and shortly before we started recruitment. To increase relevance of the findings for the time the results will be obtained, we decided to use the DSM-5 diagnoses criteria instead. However, we also chose to retain the DSM-IV minimum duration criterion of one month, rather than the DSM-5 minimum duration of three months. This was done in order to broaden the clinical relevance of our findings. We reasoned that it is important to test the intervention in a sample that include women whose clinically significant insomnia emerges during pregnancy, even when the duration of the symptoms was less than three months. This explanation is also included in lines 101-104 of the manuscript.

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**RESPONSE:** We added a description of the essential DSM criteria (lines 95-101).

- d. What kind of unstable medical conditions (line 98)?

**RESPONSE:** The only two uncontrolled medical conditions we ended up excluding for were uncontrolled thyroid or seizure disorders. We revised the text to indicate these two exclusions (lines 105-106).

- e. Lines 151-153. When the authors write that the CTRL therapy produces low response rates, do they mean it doesn't work well? Is that consistent with the 52% response rate that the authors found?

**RESPONSE:** The sentence refers to remission rates in past research which was cited. We changes the term "response rates" to "remission rates" in the text and added the range of remission rates in the studies that were cited in that sentence (lines 161-162). We found much higher remission rates in the current study, which we interpret as a stronger placebo effect during pregnancy and discuss in lines 277-280.

- f. Why was a postnatal depression scale tested in prenatal patients? Would include a sentence about the rationale for using this in women without depression. Has this been validated?

**RESPONSE:** The Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale is validated for use during pregnancy. We added this information to the measures section (lines 182-184).

4. Results.

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**RESPONSE:** We have adjusted significant digits in the tables and added N values. We did not track these changes.

- b. Table 1. A more typical order and content would be to start with age, then race/ethnicity, then parity (nulliparous, multiparous).

**RESPONSE:** We have revised the order of lines in the table and added parity.

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**RESPONSE:** In the measures section we expanded the information for interpreting the ISI (line 174) and added information about EPDS cutoffs for screening depression during pregnancy (lines 182-184).

Might the significant difference in EDPS score be related to success of treatment in this group (improvement in depressive symptoms resulting in improved insomnia)?

**RESPONSE:** Although there was a statistically significant decrease in EPDS scores in the full sample, there was little difference in the reduction of EPDS scores between the two treatment arms. This suggests that reduced depression is unlikely to have accounted for differences in improvement in insomnia between the two treatment arms.

We also note that we previously reported that among RCT participants with major depressive disorder and using the same control insomnia therapy, improvement in insomnia following a combination of antidepressant medications and CBTI mediated remission of depression, but not vice versa: improvement in depression did not mediate remission of insomnia <sup>4</sup>.

If group differences were tested using Fisher's exact test (rather than chi-square), then why are p-values presented for chi-square analyses?

**RESPONSE:** Thank you for pointing this out. Following the comment from the statistical editor (comment 6) we deleted the last column (p-values) and all reference to statistical testing from the caption.

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**RESPONSE:** The 48 vs 87 minute figures are for self-reported total wake time values (derived from the sleep diary). We did report in the original manuscript that the CBT-I group had

significantly greater reduction in self-reported total wake time. Our non-significant result pertains to objective total wake time (derived from actigraphy), where the post-treatment values are 95 minutes in each arm.

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**RESPONSE:** This is an excellent point. We added the CTRL group remission rate and a discussion of the high remission rate observed in our study (lines 277-280).

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**RESPONSE:** We appreciate the perspective and modified the text accordingly (lines 273-277).

- c. Lines 271-281. Generalizability of findings may be related to availability and to cost and coverage of therapy. Might mention something about these topics.

**RESPONSE:** We agree and added these and other clinically relevant points (lines 341-344).

- d. In the concluding paragraph, the authors write that their study extends the findings from another study (references 40 and 41) that supports CBTI as effective treatment for insomnia during pregnancy. Suggest including these studies earlier in the discussion, and probably in greater detail.

**RESPONSE:** In the response to the first comment by Reviewer 1, the discussion of the two existing uncontrolled studies was moved from the discussion to the introduction. Given word limitation in the introduction (250 words) and the facts that both were very small and neither had a randomized-controlled design, we did not provide additional detail about them in the manuscript. To allow the reviewer to evaluate our decision we briefly described these two studies in our response to the first comment of Reviewer 1.

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**RESPONSE:** We have taken care to equate the non-specific factors mentioned by the reviewer. The two therapies had equal frequency and duration. The therapists in both interventions were trained to respond in a similar manner when a participant raised non-sleep issues, by briefly acknowledging the issue and refocusing the session on sleep. We therefore believe that non-specific factor were most likely equivalent between the two treatments and are not likely to explain the differential effect between the two treatments in subjective outcomes.

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**RESPONSE:** We have expanded the last paragraph to include a discussion of access to care. Whereas most health insurance providers cover CBTI as a psychotherapy, there is indeed a shortage of trained therapists. In the last paragraph of the discussion section (lines 341-344) we discuss promising trends in the field that aim to address the access issue.

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**RESPONSE:** Indeed this study was not designed to have sufficient power to discern difference in these three strata and, therefore, the primary analyses did not include these strata. Analyses pertaining to these three strata were considered exploratory and therefore results should be interpreted cautiously. We removed mention of these factors from the abstract.

2. Lines 33-34, Fig 2, lines 290-293: Might the maternal insomnia be a function of GA? The entry GA of 18-32 weeks comprises a wide range and should have randomized by blocks of GA. This is especially important since the control group had (fig 2) a drop in ISI scores over time, although not as much as the treatment group, so clearly there was a temporal change independent of the CBTI.

**RESPONSE:** Although we did not randomize by blocks based on gestational age categories, we did test if adding gestation week to the model changed the results and found that this was not the case. Nonetheless, given that we did not randomize by blocks based on gestational age, we cannot definitely infer that gestational age at study entry does not impact response to treatment.

We note that, in the absence of treatment, the trajectory of change in insomnia is towards increase rather than decrease in insomnia severity <sup>5</sup>. We interpret the reduction in insomnia severity in the control therapy as likely due to its strong placebo effect and have added this interpretation to the discussion of the high remission rate in the CTRL (line 278-280).

3. Lines 201-202: Were the 254 women all eligible, and if not, what were the reasons for exclusion. Should include a flow diagram to explain how 254 screened became 194, then 179 analyzed and how many in each treatment group.

**RESPONSE:** Figure 1 (consort figure) provides these details.

4. Line 229: The survival curve analysis is in Figure 3, which depicts non-remission, not ISI scores.

**RESPONSE:** Thank you for spotting this typo. We corrected the text (now line 248) to refer to Figure 3 rather than Figure 2.

5. Lines 283-286: This is unfortunate. The randomization process should have occurred closer in time to the baseline and initiation of treatment. What were the demographic/clinical characteristics of the 15 who dropped out and which treatment group were they assigned?

**RESPONSE:** The reason randomization occurred earlier than baseline was pragmatic; it allowed time for coordinating treatment initiation (e.g., assigning a study therapist based on participant availability for treatment and language preference, and scheduling of therapy sessions), which was critical given that some women were screened later in pregnancy.

As is depicted in Figure 1 (CONSORT Figure), the number of participants who dropped out before completing baseline measures was 7 in CBTI and 8 in CTRL.

As indicated in lines 220-223, “The 15 participants who discontinued participation before providing baseline data on clinical measures did not differ demographically from participants who were analyzed for testing a priori hypotheses”. The table below describes the demographic characteristics of these 15 participants. Note that, given that these participants dropped out before providing ISI (and EPDS) data, we could not conduct a comparison for the clinical data.

Demographics of Recruitment Participants Who Did Not Provide Baseline Data and Excluded from Analyses

	<i>N</i> = 15	<i>Mean</i> or <i>n</i>	<i>SD</i> or %
Age (years)		32	6
Nulliparous		6	40%
Race			
White		5	33.3%
Black		3	20%
Asian		2	13.3%
Other		3	20%
Unknown		2	13.3%
Hispanic ethnicity		6	40%
Prefer Spanish		3	20%
Annual family income below \$55K		5	33.3%

6. Table 1: Since this is an RCT, it is not necessary to include stats comparisons of baseline characteristics. However, the analysis presented does not include comparison of GA at entry, which should be enumerated.

**RESPONSE:** As advised, we deleted from Table 1 the column reporting p-values (Untracked change). We also removed the word “significantly” in the discussion of baseline characteristics (lines 224-225). We note that GA was included in Table 1 in the original submission.

7. Table 2: Need to clearly separate the primary (ISI) from the secondary outcomes.

**RESPONSE:** We revised the table to identify the ISI as the primary outcome. This allowed us to address this comment while conforming the journal guidelines to avoid sub-headings.

8. Fig 2: Were these lines derived from the data or a model? The endpoints at 50 days do not correspond to Table 2 post values of 8.03 and 11.19.

**RESPONSE:** Figure 2 depicts model estimated trajectories. We revised the legend to specify this. In contrast, the numbers in Table 2 used the last observation available for each participants. Values from Table 2 match numbers that derived from Figure 2 when x-axis is around 36 days, which is the average number of days from baseline to the day on which the final ISI was completed (SD = 11).

9. Fig 3: Need to include the number remaining at the time points along the x-axis.

**RESPONSE:** We have now added numbers at risk at the x-axis of Figure 3. We revised Figure 3 legend by adding the following (lines 451-453): "The analysis was based on all participants who provided at least one post-baseline ISI score. Numbers at risk (i.e., non-remission) are displayed under the x-axis."

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**RESPONSE:** OPT-IN: Yes, please publish my response letter and subsequent email correspondence related to author queries

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**RESPONSE:** A data sharing plan was added as the last paragraph of the methods section (lines 186-191).

3. Based on the forms that have been submitted, Dr. Anita Sit has not met the criteria for authorship. On the third page of the form, under the section labeled "Authorship," items #2-4, in addition to either 1a or 1b, must be checked off in order to qualify for authorship. Dr. Sit should be moved to the acknowledgments, or they could resubmit a revised author agreement form if they filled it out erroneously the first time. All updated and missing forms should be uploaded with the revision in Editorial Manager.

**RESPONSE:** Dr. Sit has made significant contribution to the data collection. A revised author agreement form is being uploaded.

4. Standard obstetric and gynecology data definitions have been developed through the reVITALize initiative, which was convened by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the members of the Women's Health Registry Alliance. Obstetrics & Gynecology will be transitioning as much as possible to use of the reVITALize definitions, and we encourage authors to familiarize themselves with them. The obstetric data definitions are available at <http://links.lww.com/AOG/A515>, and the gynecology data definitions are available at <http://links.lww.com/AOG/A935>.

**RESPONSE:** We have conformed to the definitions

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Please limit your Introduction to 250 words and your Discussion to 750 words.

**RESPONSE:** We revised the introduction and discussion to address the comments above and edited the original text to conform to these word limits. The introduction is now 251 words and the discussion is 745 words. The manuscript length is 22 pages (5127 words).

6. Specific rules govern the use of acknowledgments in the journal. Please edit your acknowledgments or provide more information in accordance with the following guidelines:

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**RESPONSE:** All financial support of the study were acknowledged. We did not receive any direct or indirect paid assistance in preparing the manuscript. All the individuals that were acknowledged by name have provided written permission to be acknowledged. Part of the



paper was presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Professional Sleep Societies on June 03, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland.

7. Provide a short title of no more than 45 characters (40 characters for case reports), including spaces, for use as a running foot.

**RESPONSE:** The short title is now 30 characters, including spaces.

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In addition, the abstract length should follow journal guidelines. The word limits for different article types are as follows: Original Research articles, 300 words. Please provide a word count.

**RESPONSE:** We carefully reviewed the abstract to ensure consistency with the rest of the manuscript and that it includes no information that is not in the body of the manuscript, and that the conclusion is clear. The abstract is now 284 words.

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**RESPONSE:** We believe we adhered to this guidelines

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**RESPONSE:** We eliminated virgule symbols from the body of the manuscript. This symbol still appears in some references.

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**RESPONSE:** We revised the tables to conform to the journal style.

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**RESPONSE:** Yes. We uploaded a version with colors.

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**RESPONSE:** Figures were created in R and each is being uploaded as a separate pdf file.

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**RESPONSE:** We adhered to this guideline

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If you submit a revision, we will assume that it has been developed in consultation with your co-authors, that each author has given approval to the final form of the revision, and that the agreement form signed by each author and submitted with the initial version remains valid.

**RESPONSE:** Indeed, all authors had the opportunity to provide input. All agreements, except Dr. Sit, submitted by the authors remain valid. We uploaded a new agreement signed by Dr. Sit. Again, your paper will be maintained in active status for 21 days from the date of this letter. If we have not heard from you by Jan 01, 2019, we will assume you wish to withdraw the manuscript from further consideration.

**RESPONSE:** We thank the editors for extending the deadline to Jan 15, as requested, given the authors' holiday travels.

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## Daniel Mosier

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**From:** Rachel Manber [REDACTED]  
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**Attachments:** 4\_Appendix 1\_(formerly Table 3).docx; 18-2049R1 ms (1-28-19v5) RM.docx

Thank you for your patience.

Please see my response s below

Attached is a revised manuscript as well as a single appendix to replace the two that were previously uploaded, as they were redundant (see response to point #5 below

Rachel

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**From:** Daniel Mosier [mailto:dmosier@greenjournal.org]  
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**To:** Rachel Manber [REDACTED]  
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Dr. Manber,

Thank you for sending us your edits in a timely manner. The editors have reviewed your revisions and have a few follow-up questions for you and your co-authors:

1. LINE 245: Difference in remission is ~ 12% which translated to a NNT of ~8. How did you arrive at 3?
2. TABLE 2: Same NNT question
3. LINE 437: Same NNT issue

For items 1-3 below

The NNT in this paper is based on predicted values from the survival analysis, not the raw remission rates. The NNT was computed using the formula in the paper below, which calculates NNT at specific time points, taking into account the fact that NNT changes as treatment progresses and that the final remitting event occurred at different times for the two groups.

Given the more intuitive definition of NNT using the 12% different in remission between the groups, we also included it at all three spots in the manuscript.

Please note that we also revised Figure 3 legend from “Survival curves derived from Cox Proportional Hazard model” to “Kaplan-Meier survival curves”. This figure is plotting raw data, not predicted values.

Sjölander, A. (2018). Estimation of causal effect measures with the R-package stdReg. European Journal of Epidemiology. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10654-018-0375-y>

I have not inserted this reference but I can, if you think it will help.

4. FIGURE 2: Please add a citation to this figure within the text of your manuscript.

This was added as a correction in line 235. Thank you for helping me catch the error in referencing this figure.

5. APPENDICES: To be consistent with Journal style, please rename the citations to "Appendix, Tables 3 and 4" as "Appendix 1" and "Appendix 2," respectively.

In doing so I realized that the two appendices are the same only formatted differently. I changed the reference in the text to Appendix 1 and deleted reference to the second appendix. Please also note that I shifted the reference to the appendix from the end of the paragraph to the middle of the paragraph, where I think it fits better

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
-Daniel Mosier

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Dear Daniel

Please see responses below and also in my responses to the comments in the attached manuscript.

Note two additional documents are attached. One is a revised Appendix, now labeled as Table 4 and a new appendix, Table 3, which per comment below was deleted from the manuscript and made into a second appendix.

Rachel

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**From:** Daniel Mosier <[dmosier@greenjournal.org](mailto:dmosier@greenjournal.org)>  
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Dear Dr. Manber,

Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript. It has been reviewed by the editor, and there are a few issues that must be addressed before we can consider your manuscript further:

1. Please note the minor edits and deletions throughout. Please let us know if you disagree with any of these changes.

I have carefully reviewed the whole manuscript and commented when I did not agree with the edits

2. LINE 11: Elizabeth Rangel will need to complete our electronic Copyright Transfer Agreement, which was sent to them through Editorial Manager.

Elizabeth tells me she never received a link to complete the copyright agreement. Can you please send (resend) it to her

3. LINE 24: is "for insomnia" redundant?

The word insomnia is part of the name of the intervention. General cognitive behavioral therapy does not adequately address insomnia. I added the word disorder (see below) to address the apparent redundancy

Cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia is an effective treatment for prenatal insomnia disorder.

4. LINE 28: Please re-format to be consistent with our template abstract for RCTs

Done

5. LINE 31: re our template abstract: Power and sample size comes near the end. How were participants randomly allocated?. Was analysis by intent to treat?

Moved power to end of method in abstract

Added description of randomization (blocked)

Added information about analyzable sample

6. LINE 42: Measured when?

Added information about timing of measures (weekly)

7. LINE 47: Please provide data from figure 1 as to how many (and 5) who completed assigned therapy

This information was added

8. LINE 49:

- a. Please be sure this is stated in the body of your paper, tables, or figures. Statements and data that appear in the Abstract must also appear in the body text for consistency.

Done

- b. Please provide data from first row of Table 2 here please.

Done

9. LINE 53: This p-value was added to line 271.

Thank you

10. Line 70: “CBTI” and “CTRL” have been expanded throughout the paper (except tables and figures) because the abbreviations are not used by the journal. Please review the edits, since you may not need to include “for insomnia” in every instance.

Whereas I retained “for insomnia” in reference to cognitive behavioral therapy, I deleted it in most instances where I was referencing the control

11. LINE 87: If what I deleted here is not included it later, please add it back but not here

I moved some of the information. See response to comment in the body of the revised manuscript

12. LINE 106: Is a steroid inhaler really a stimulant?

I deleted the example, as it is not needed

13. LINE 204: Detect when?

Added. Note that mixed effect models examine all available weekly data from baseline to post treatment

14. LINE 207: Please review the responses added to each question and edit as needed.

Done

15. LINE 210: Please give dates here

Added

16. LINE 216: Please everywhere replace "arm" with "group" when talking about the randomization groups

Done

17. LINE 232: Added from abstract.

Addition is OK

18. LINE 252: Please here reiterate findings for primary outcome.

Done

19. LINE 292: Please provide this percentage

Added

20. TABLE 3: Please move to Appendix

I deleted and attached as an appendix, replacing “Arm” with “Group”.

We already had another appendix which is now labeled as Table 4 and where I replaced “Arm” with “Group”. I attached this one as well.

I changed references to the old appendix to read: Appendix, Table 4

Please let me know if you have any questions. Your prompt response to these queries will be appreciated; please respond no later than COB on **Monday, January 28th**.

Sincerely,

-Daniel Mosier

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Stephanie Casway](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, February 1, 2019 1:47:02 PM

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Stephanie

I like the red box in Figure 1  
Figure 3 looks OK

For the legend of Figure 2: Since the figure key labels one of the curves as CTRL, I think the word CTRL needs to be explained in the caption  
It should read

Figure 2. Modell estimated changes in insomnia symptom severity for the intervention (cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia, CBTI) and control therapy for insomnia groups (CTRL).

The same applies to the caption of Figure 3. More important is that the edits you made changed the meaning so it is now incorrect

Figure 3. Survival curves derived from Kaplan-Meier analysis. Time to insomnia nonremission for the intervention (cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia, CBTI) and control conditions (CTRL). The analysis was based on all participants who provided at least one post-baseline Insomnia Severity Index score; **Remission is defined by Insomnia Severity Index less than 8.** Hazard ratio=2.55 (95% CI: 1.51 to 4.32). Number needed to treat for the difference between rates of remissions equals 8. Number needed to treat effect size for the model, considering the fact that the final remitting event occurred at different times for the two groups, equals 3.05 (95% CI: 1.53, 4.57).

Rachel

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Good Afternoon Rachel,

Thank you so much for your review and edits. Daniel mentioned that you had been very responsive to his emails, so I was concerned that my messages got trapped in a spam folder.

Attached you will find updated versions of Figure 1, Figure 3, and the legend. I framed the “included in the analysis” boxes in red and defined it in the legend to be consistent with journal style. I also made a few edits to the legends per journal style.

Please let Daniel and I know if these edits are okay, or if any more are needed.

Have a great day!

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**Subject:** RE: O&G Figure Revision: 18-2049

Stephanie

I have no idea why your emails escaped my attention. I am glad you reached out to Deirdre as her email alerted me to yours

I carefully reviewed all three figures

Figure 1 is accurate and I like the revised display. I think it will be ideal with the boxes labeled “Included in analysis” are highlighted (using shading). This will make it clear the we included women who did not start or complete treatment.

Figure 2: OK as is

Figure 3: Your revision is OK but I am realizing that the y-axis is between 0 and 1 representing proportion rather than percent. The easiest way to modify is to label the axis as “proportion of nonremission” or “Nonremission (proportion)”

Regarding figure captions:

Figure 1 caption is OK

Figure 2 caption: slightly revised as follows

Figure 2. Modell estimated changes in insomnia symptom severity for the intervention and control groups. CBT=cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia; CTRL=control therapy for insomnia.

Figure 3 caption: This was modified following query by Daniel Mosier (cc-ed). I tried to merge your edits with the revision I sent him a couple of days ago

Figure 3. Survival curves derived from Kaplan-Meier analysis. Time to insomnia nonremission

for the intervention (CBTI) and control (CTRL) conditions. The analysis was based on all participants who provided at least one post-baseline ISI score. Numbers at risk (i.e., nonremission) are displayed under the x-axis. Remission is defined by Insomnia Severity Index (ISI) < 8. The Hazard ratio=2.55 [95% CI: 1.51 to 4.32]. NNT for the difference between rates of remissions=8. NNT effect size for the model, taking into account the fact that the final remitting event occurred at different times for the two groups=3.05 [95% CI: 1.53, 4.57].

Sorry for the delayed response

Rachel

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**From:** Stephanie Casway <[SCasway@greenjournal.org](mailto:SCasway@greenjournal.org)>

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**To:** Rachel Manber [REDACTED]

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Good Afternoon Dr. Manber,

Your figures and legend have been edited, and PDFs of the figures and legend are attached for your review. Please review the figures CAREFULLY for any mistakes. In addition, please see our query below.

AQ1: Note that we have added an exclusion box to Figure 1. If this is incorrect, please let me know.

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes to the figures must be made now. Changes at later stages are expensive and time-consuming and may result in the delay of your article's publication.

To avoid a delay, I would be grateful to receive a reply no later than Friday, 1/25. Thank you for your help.

Best wishes,

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