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Gestational diabetes mellitus & associated risk factors

Authors' response

Sir,

We thank Dr Raina for showing interest in our article¹. The two queries raised were regarding the criteria used to define body mass index (BMI) in this study and use of Kuppuswamy scale for assessment of socio-economic status of the study population.

We are aware of Mayo Clinic guidelines but the BMI in the present study¹ was assessed based on pre-pregnancy weight of the patients and the same has been mentioned in the Materials & Method section¹. It was found that the women with GDM had significantly higher weight gain than non-GDM women. Kuppuswamy scale² was used for assessment of socio-economic status in study population as our study participants were from urban field practice area and Kuppuswamy scale is used for the assessment of socio-economic status in urban area only, hence the same has been used.

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