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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	1- Line 79, 80, the women could not recall 1st day should excluded instead of suggestion of 15 day. 2- at booking you included all women equal or less 20 w., U/S is not accurate in the second trimester which used by you as gold standard so inclusion criteria should limited to 14w or less & you should mention this clearly in methodology no only in abstract. Please clarify the ethical issues if any	1.This was done b/c it is a common practice in our centre. The thinking is that since 15th day of the month is roughly 2 wks in b/w the beginning and end of the month, at EDD(40wks) it allows a margin of error of approx 2wks, since the patient will be GA 38-42wks; an acceptable range within which no added perinatal morbidity or mortality may be incurred. Moreover, USS was used to standardize all gestational ages. However, this may be considered a limitation 2. USS dating is reliable in the first half of pregnancy, not only up to 14 weeks sir. References 2,4 and12. Ethical issues have been clarified in the last sentence under methodology.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	1- Measurement of symphyseal fundal height was done by the same person for all women or not. Also the person did this was aware by U/S dating or not. You should mention this in methodology. 2- There was no approval by local ethical committee. 3- U/s assessment done transabdominally or transvaginal, by single observer or by multiple observer.	1.This has been effected in line 102,103 2. Approval was granted and this is stated in the methodology section . 3. This has been added in line 92
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		