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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)*
Compulsory REVISION comments	**Abstract** **Aim**: you wrote the aim.. *This study used an early ultrasound scan as a reference in comparing the mean percentage accuracy of the last menstrual period (LMP) and the symphysio-fundal height (SFH), to ascertain the more accurate parameter for gestational age assessment* **if you said the study used ultrasound, this is a result. Please start with ..the aim of the present study was to assess (evaluate or any suitable word..) the accuracy of SFH in comparison to LMP in determination of GA. No need to mention mean percentage of accuracy. Let these details to results. The most valuable work is the simple digestible one.** **Introduction** In general it is long: First paragraph describes the importance of estimation of GA (OK) Second paragraph describes different modalities of estimating GA (OK) Third paragraph describes importance of early ultrasound (OK) Then you should **summarize** the current knowledge and you should mention what is stimulus for doing the study. For example there was unclear point in previous work or you want to recruit your cases at certain gestational age therefore your results will be more reliable. No need to mention the details of previous work. I as well as other readers can search similar articles. **Materials and methods** Please write a small paragraph about **ethical issues**; the study was approved by …. Make it the last paragraph of materials and methods.	
Minor REVISION comments	**Discussion** First paragraph, why you repeat again the theoretical part?	

	I have another suggestion: start with **main findings** (SFH is better than LMP) explain how you derived this findings (there was significant difference… , there was no significant difference…) Then **justify** your findings.. SFH is objective but LMP is subjective … up to 25 % (for example) cannot remember well their LMP in our study. Furthermore pregnancy can occur after period of lactational amenorrhea or after using oral pills. Then compare your work to **other work**. Explain if there was significant difference unless you can say this study supports the previous work of… Then explain that why your work is important (where no ultrasound in developing countries). Anyhow, as a clinician I have different opinion, SFH is important in developing as well as developed countries. It is a screening method for diagnosis of FGR. We should not rely only on ultrasound. If you will mention this, please mention references. Be careful that you mentioned many times that regular assessment of SFH is more suitable for less educated women in poor resources while most of **your** subjects were educated. The last paragraph in discussion is **strengths** of study is that … it is a prospective, early scan was done for all women… Then you should mention the limitation of study… SFH became less accurate after 36 weeks. This is only a suggestion and could be better than discussing results item by item and table by table. You can review recent issues of BJOG and on the other side of Atlantic the green journal (Obstetrics and Gynecology).	
Optional/General comments	The topic is important	

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