

## **Reply to the REPORT ON "What accounts for the increase in female labor force participation in Spain" MS 2524**

The referee finds that the topic is interesting, that the paper has potential and that the results are useful for policy design. He also thinks that the descriptive and calibration analysis are correct and that the conclusions are well supported.

The referee is concerned about the period covered. As it is mentioned in the Introduction in footnote 1, the year 2008 has been chosen as the last data point in this analysis because the evolution of female labor force participation has substantially changed due to the recent crisis (see Guner et al. (2014) and De la Rica and Rebollo (2017)).

The aspects that are missing in this paper and that may be relevant to explain the growth in married women labor force participation, particularly in the second period of analysis: the rise in the divorce rate, possibly due to recent changes in the divorce law (Law 15/2005), and the house price boost in the 2000s, are out of the scope of the present paper because these two aspects would necessarily imply the adding of savings and dynamics. They are an interesting avenue for future research.

Last, regarding the references, it is true that recently there have been other papers in this literature, but I chose to include only those articles that have been essential to develop this paper.