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Dear Ms. Nielan,

Enclosed you will find the most recent version of the article entitled “Informant-Reported Cognitive Symptoms That Predict Amnestic Mild Cognitive Impairment”. We have attempted to address each concern as thoroughly and accurately as possible and we hope that they are found to be satisfactory. Every effort has been made to conform to editorial parameters.

The informed consent statement has been edited to clarify that since IRB review was not required for this study, informed consent was not required. In addition, it includes the explanation given in previous correspondence regarding the Medical Editor’s concerns. The statement now reads as follows:

    IRB approval was waived by the Sun Health IRB as the study fell under their categorization of research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior which is not subject to review and does not require informed consent. None of the authors on this paper served on the Sun Health IRB and the granting bodies that provided funding for this study did not require any type of ethics review.

In addition, we have also deleted the statement that from the Acknowledgements section stating that informed consent was obtained from all participants.

We would be delighted to have a press release created and disseminated for this article.

All authors have contributed substantially to the manuscript, have read its final version, and agree with the presented findings. Mr. Malek-Ahmadi and Dr. Sabbagh take responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis. We feel that this contribution is timely, current, and relevant to the literature. We look forward to a seeing it in press in the near future.

Sincerely,

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