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Dear Editor:

I am submitting our corrected manuscript (ID 1341559941317936) for final acceptance. We have addressed the comments of the reviewers as follows:

Quoting reviewer Larry Atwood-“Are the number of families and the family specific lodscores that show linkage significantly different than would be expected under the null hypothesis of no linkage? Given this group’s obvious talent for simulation, I think a Monte Carlo test of this question would not be too difficult.”

We performed Monte Carlo methods in our simulations performed with the program SIMLINK to address Dr. Atwood's suggestion. This is discussed on pages 14-15 under Individual families showing linkage.

Quoting reviewer Larry Atwood again-“Figures are not useful.” We disagree and feel the figures should be retained in the article. The second reviewer, Dr. Edery had no criticisms of the figures. If the editor wishes them to be deleted, we will go ahead and delete them but we feel some readers will want the figures to refer too.

The second reviewer Dr. Edery had minor criticisms about typographical errors and these were corrected.

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