Author's response to reviews

Title: Asthma in Black African, Black Caribbean and South Asian adolescents in the MRC DASH study: a cross sectional analysis.

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Dear Dr Neilan,

Re: Manuscript no. 1632818168262806

Thank you for forwarding the two further concerns raised by Reviewer 2 about our paper. Please find our response below and a revised version of the manuscript attached.

Reviewer 2
C1
Please state that the possibility of underreporting due to the fact that children from immigrants less frequently use health care services (which might account for a lower percentage of asthma being diagnosed), can not be ruled out in the discussion section (limitations).
R1
We apologise for this omission. We have now added the following sentence to page 15 of the manuscript:
We can not rule out the possibility of underreporting by some ethnic minority groups due to reduced access to health care services and hence opportunity for asthma diagnosis.

C1
Mention that the association between psychological well-being and asthma is possibly due to reverse causality (Discussion page 15). Use the term associates or correlates instead of risk factors in the conclusion (p. 16).
R2
We have updated these pages as recommended.

We hope you will find the revised manuscript suitable for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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