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Title: Can Improving Working Memory Prevent Academic Difficulties? A School Based Randomised Controlled Trial

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The Editor, BMC Pediatrics

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled “Can improving working memory prevent academic difficulties? A school based randomised controlled trial”

We have amended our manuscript with the following changes in response to the review.

Comment 1: Please remove the funding documentation and ethical approval documents from the additional files.
Response: These documents have been removed from the additional files

Comment 2: Please include a ‘Competing interests’ section between the Conclusions and Authors’ contributions.
Response: The following competing interest’ section has been included between the Conclusions and Author’s contributions:

“All authors declare that GR, JQ, LG, PA, FR, FM, JA, SG, MW, their spouses, partners or children have no financial and non-financial relationships or interests that may be relevant to the submitted work.”

Comment 3: Please include an Authors’ contributions section before the Acknowledgements and Reference list.
Response: the following Authors’ contributions section has been included before the Acknowledgement and Reference list.

“GR and MW conceived the study. JQ drafted the current manuscript. GR, MW, JQ, LG, PA, JA, FR, FM and SG have participated in the design of the study and edited the current manuscript. All authors have read and approved the final manuscript.”

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