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Dear Editors

Thank you for help in identifying changes that are required to this manuscript before it can be submitted for peer review. I have outlined my responses to your comments below:

1. Line numbering - this has now been added to the manuscript.

2. Ethical approval for the study was not required - Informed consent was obtained from the parents of cohort members for childhood measurements at the time of data collection (see line 167-68).

3. Conclusions section - the last section of the discussion has been amended to indicate the conclusions from this research.

I hope this meets your requirements, but please get back to me if you have any other questions.

Yours sincerely

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