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Letter to the Reviewers

Thank you for reviewing our report on catch-up growth up to ten years of the children of the POPS cohort.

Minor essential revisions have been made in accordance with your suggestions. This means that small textual changes have been made and further explanation has been given on subjects as BMI. We also made extra references to the Dutch reference values on height and BMI. Table 1 and the concerning text in the discussion has been revised and clinical characteristics have been added on the children lost to follow up at 10 years.

We also followed suggestions for the discretionary revisions but we however believe that extra columns added to the tables containing mean and SD values of the reference population or SDS confidence limits would compromise the clarity of the data presentation due to the amount of numbers depicted. Should readers be interested in Dutch normal values they can consult the articles stated in the bibliography.

We hope that present revisions have answered to the questions the reviewers posed and that our article is ready to be published.

Yours Sincerely,

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