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Please find the following changes made to the format of the manuscript as required by you before consideration for the peer review process.

1) ETHICS: Research involving human subjects (including human material or human data) that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

On page 6 of the manuscript, in the methods section, the following is now included:

“Ethics approval was obtained from the ethics committees in the National University of Ireland, Maynooth and in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin 9 (ref no. 06/21).”

2) Competing interests:

A competing interest section has been included after the conclusions: “The authors declare that they have no competing interests.”

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“JM, CR and IK recruited the participant sample. JM set up and recorded the EEG, analysed the data and wrote the first and final drafts of the manuscript. CR
helped carry out EEG set up and recording. IK conducted clinical interviews with the participants and their parents. RR aided the writing process and the data analysis. MC also helped to write and structure the manuscript.”

Kind Regards,

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