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(The title is now changed to "Alterations of prolyl endopeptidase activity in the plasma of children with autistic spectrum disorders").

Iratxe Puebla, Assistant Editor

We are very grateful of the reviewers' most fruitful comments on our manuscript and we have tried to do our best to meet all of their recommendations of changes.

We have according to the reviewers' comments done the following changes of the version 2 of the original manuscript:
Reviewer Zweigenbaum asked us to elaborated the manuscript according to the aspects of the points 2 and 3.
1. We have clarified the criteria for selection of the study groups (point 2), section of Subjects.
2. We have further commented on the reliability and precision of our instrument. Also, we have clarified differences of pep-activity and GA between the genders (point 3), section of Discussion.

Reviewer Singh
We are very grateful of the commentaries and suggestions to changes offered by Dr Singh.
We have performed the necessary changes in points 1 to 7.
Point 1 changed in the Title of the manuscript.
Point 2 changed in the section Background, second para.
Point 3 changed in the section of Background, second para (last line).
Point 4 changed in the section of Background, second para, third line from the end.
Point 5 changed in the section of Subjects, #15.
Point 6 changed in the section of Discussion, Blood Brain Barrier changed to "blood-brain barrier" (BBB).
Point 7 changed in the section of Conclusion.

Also, we have clarified the sample selection of the control children in the section Subjects.

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