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Dear Prof. Graham,

We are submitting the final version of our manuscript. We added in the Methods section a statement regarding the ethics guidelines followed by the NHANES survey. Moreover, we changed the number of the authors in view of the requirements for the contributions of each author and included in the Acknowledgments section all the contributors who do not meet the authorship criteria.

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