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Title: A school-based resilience intervention to decrease tobacco, alcohol and marijuana use in high school students: a pilot study

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Dear Dr Silvia Martins

Thank you for providing additional reviewer comments. We appreciate the further opportunity to address these and resubmit our manuscript for your consideration. Please find attached our responses to the reviewer comments.

We look forward to hearing from you

Yours truly,

Rebecca Hodder

Reviewer: Asha Goldweber

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. p. 16 explicitly state the "normal developmental trajectories of substance use"

The paragraph in the discussion has been amended to explicitly state the normal developmental trajectories of substance use.

2. Why was school "c" unchanged? (p.17).

It is unclear why the resilience and protective scores for school c remained unchanged despite the implementation of similar resilience strategies across schools. Future research inclusive of implementation fidelity measures are required to determine this and the discussion has been amended to reflect this recommendation.

A number of sentences within the discussion have been shortened.

4. Make sure references are consistent across manuscript and references at the end of the document.

A number of references across the manuscript have been amended for consistency purposes.

5. Avoid run-on sentences.

A number of run-on sentences within the discussion have been amended.