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Please note that our written responses to the reviewers below are in *italics* and any additional wording that has been added to the manuscript has been highlighted in yellow.

**Reviewer 1:**

**Minor Essential Revisions:** The previous two reviews requested descriptive statistics for all variables in Table 2. Such information is useful to the reader and necessary to evaluate the statistical analyses. The authors have added some useful demographic statistics in text and wish to maintain a focus on the longitudinal data. The remaining statistics can be provided in a supplementary table.

*We have amended Table 2 to include an extra column with descriptive baseline statistics for each study variable. Please note that there were some variables for which we could not provide these statistics (noted with n/a).*