Author's response to reviews

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Dear editor

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to resubmit the above manuscript. We have complied with the recommendations from the reviewer and the editor as described below.

On behalf of the authors, kind regards

Bjørn Holstein
Professor

Reviewer's report:

Comment 1: I have read the author's revised manuscript and comments. I thank the authors for their reflection on key issues (particularly in discriminating clinical from non-clinical issues) and the adjustments to the paper appear sensible and justified.

Response: Thank you for this kind comment. We have learned a lot from your comments and efforts to address the difference between clinically oriented and public health oriented measurement tools.

Comment 2: One last revision is that the authors should be explicit (perhaps a single sentence in the conclusion) that their tool does not assess Internet Gaming Disorder as it is listed in the DSM and therefore has no parity with DSM
criteria - I recommend this just to prevent potential confusion with future studies employing this measure and then encountering problems in attempting to publish work that is non-clinical in a clinical space.

Response: We agree and have applied your formulation in the conclusion of the paper and also in the abstract.

Comment 3: The authors should consider inclusion of this key reference on assessment tools as it would be a useful resource for anyone seeking work on measurement in this area. Lortie, C. L. & Guitton, M. J. (2013). Internet addiction assessment tools: Dimensional structure and methodological status. Addiction, 108, 1207-1216.

Response: Thank you very much. We have read the paper and found it useful. We have referred to the paper in the Introduction.

Editor's Comments:

Comment 1: This referee has recommended acceptance with discretionary revisions. We would ask that you do address the final comment given by this reviewer regarding stating explicitly that the tool does not assess Internet Gaming Disorder as it is listed in the DSM and therefore has no parity with DSM criteria.

Response: We have adhered to the reviewer's suggestion and think it improves the manuscript.

Comment 2: We also ask that you ensure all authors are mentioned, by their initials, in the Authors Contributions section. At present, authors Line Nielsen, Charlotte R Meilstrup and Pernille Bendtsen are missing from this section. If they do not qualify as contributing authors we would ask that they are removed from the title page.

Response: We have re-written the text about authors' contributions and made sure that it carefully describes the role and contribution of all authors.