Author's response to reviews

Title: Tracking and prevalence of cardiovascular disease risk factors across socio-economic classes: A longitudinal substudy of The European Youth Heart Study

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We are thankful for the comments provided by the reviewers in order to improve our manuscript. The responses to each reviewer's concerns are outlined below.

**Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)**

**Reviewer:** Richie Poulton

**Review:**
On page 5, in the section describing socioeconomic status, it should be noted that homemakers were assigned to be low SES category, and how many subjects were designated as homemakers.

**Response**
We have added the requested information to the manuscript

**Review:**
In the first paragraph of the results section, the authors appear to have made a "typo" mistake by suggesting that people from the low SES group had the most favourable outcomes. Obviously the reverse is the case as seen in Table 1.

**Response**
We have corrected the mistake

**Review:**
On page 7: the second last paragraph of the results section requires some comment about the content of Table 5.

**Response**
The content of Table 5 has been commented upon in the second last paragraph of the results section.

**Review:**
English grammar requires some attention in places and the authors are encouraged to improve the paper in this regard.

**Response**
Improvements have been made

Furthermore, the following statement has been added to the method section:
The study was approved by the ethic committee of Vejle and Funen.