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Dear editors,

We are glad to hear that you accepted our above mentioned manuscript. In the following we describe point by point the changes we made regarding your remarks:

Title - Can we ask you to please revise the title to read “The challenge of comprehensively mapping children’s health in a nation-wide health survey: design of the German KiGGS-Study.”

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Background - Please revise the Background section of the manuscript to clearly convey that the manuscript focuses on the description of the study protocol for the German KiGGS-Study. The Background chapter has been shortened. The last sentence concerning the content of this paper (design and methods of the survey) has been added

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Acknowledgements - Please remove the sentence regarding competing interests from this section.

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We hope that all your hints and questions are considered now,

Sincerely yours
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