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Dear Ms. Pafitis and the BMC Public Health Editorial team,

Thank you for your prompt initial review of our manuscript “(S)Partners for Heart Health: a school-based program for enhancing physical activity and nutrition to promote cardiovascular health in 5th grade students”

We have addressed each of your three requested revisions which included:
1. Provide a power calculation within your manuscript, for the sample size of your study.
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We appreciate your thorough review of our manuscript and we are excited about the potential of publishing our manuscript in BMC Public Health. I believe our innovative methodology will be useful contribution to the school-based health promotion literature.

If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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