Author's response to reviews

Title: Correlates of objectively assessed physical activity and sedentary time in children: a cross-sectional study (The European Youth Heart Study)

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript (ID 614909969245517) titled “Correlates of objectively assessed physical activity and sedentary time in children: a cross-sectional study (The European Youth Heart Study)”, together with a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments.

We appreciated the suggestions on language revision from both reviewers and have edited the manuscript accordingly. The manuscript has been copy edited and revised to conform to all points made in the formatting checklist.

We are looking forward to hear about the evaluation of the revised manuscript in due course.

Sincerely yours,

Andreas Nilsson
Point-by-point response

Reviewer: Jo Salmon

Minor essential revisions

Introduction:
The reviewer had two suggestions for language revision.

Reply; We have revised the manuscript according to the reviewer’s suggestions

Discussion:
The reviewer had three suggestions for language revision.

Reply; We have rewritten all parts of the discussion according to the reviewer’s suggestions.

Table 1: ‘authors should add SD to table heading’

Reply; SD has been added
Reviewer: Trish Gorely

Minor essential revisions

Introduction:
The reviewer had 8 comments related to language revision.

Reply: We have revised the manuscript according to all reviewer’s suggestions.

Methods:
The reviewer had 7 comments related to language revision.

Reply: We have revised the manuscript according to all reviewer’s suggestions. Notably, the sentence about the proportion of children providing 3 or 4 days of measurements has been clarified.

Results:
The reviewer had 3 comments related to language revision.

Reply; We have revised the manuscript according to all reviewer’s suggestions.

Discussion:
The reviewer had 8 comments related to language revision.

Reply; We have revised the manuscript according to all reviewer’s suggestions. Notably, the sentence suggesting PE lessons as an opportunity for increasing time in MVPA has been revised to hold consistency with previous comment made in the introduction part.

Conclusions:
The reviewer had 3 comments related to language revision.

Reply; We have revised the manuscript according to all reviewer’s suggestions.