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We would like to thank you for accepting our manuscript “Body weight dissatisfaction and communication with parents among adolescents in 24 countries: international cross-sectional survey” for publication at the BMC Public Health.

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*Answer:* the title has been revised and all unnecessary capitals have been removed. The old title: "Body Weight Dissatisfaction and Communication with Parents among Adolescents in 24 Countries: International Cross-Sectional Survey". The revised title:
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