Author’s response to reviews

Title: Accuracy of self-reported height measurements in parents and its effect on mid-parental target height calculation

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript # 1893570862125025, “Accuracy of self-reported height measurements in parents and its effect on mid-parental target height calculation” for BioMed Central. We are now submitting the revised manuscript for publication and this cover letter outlines a point by point response to both your questions and comments and those of the referees.

As per your request the title has been changed to “Accuracy of self-reported height measurements in parents and its effect on mid-parental target height calculation.” We have had a colleague to check the manuscript for readability. We have added to the Methods section: “Our Institutional Review Board reviewed the project and determined that informed consent was not required as the consent process would potentially unblind the study and thereby influence the responses of the parents.” We have ensured that the manuscript follows the proper formatting as outlined in your email and the instructions for authors (for instance we have created a Conclusions section, an Authors’ Contributions section, etc.). We used the downloadable manuscript template for this resubmission.

Referee 1 suggested that the manuscript be accepted without revision.

Referee 2 made two compulsory revisions, both of which we have addressed. We have changed the last sentence in paragraph 2 of the Background as suggested and added appropriate references. A statistician at our institution reviewed the data and results and his name has been included in the acknowledgements. The significant differences, confidence intervals, and standard deviations in this revised manuscript are accurate. We have made all of the minor essential revisions suggested by the reviewer, and we have addressed all of the discretionary revisions.

We hope that you will accept the revised manuscript for publication, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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