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Thank you for provisionally accepting our manuscript. In the attached document, we summarize reviewer comments and provide a point-by-point response to their concerns.

Warm regards,

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Summary of reviewer suggestions and our responses

Suzanna Zick Reviewer Report

Remove Table 5 (too many tables)
We have set Table 1 as an additional file to align with journal policy on table size (must be portrait and 2 pages or less). We keep Table 5 in the paper because this table provides the main study results and many readers prefer to see this in a table.

Place the discussion about effect sizes in the results section rather than the discussion.
We have moved that paragraph from the discussion to the results section (see page 15).

Discuss very small sample size in limitation section.
We now begin the limitation section by stating “The foremost limitation of this study is the small sample size.”

There are several typos/grammatically incorrect sentences throughout.
We went through the manuscript and removed typos and corrected grammatical errors.

Jun Mao Reviewer Report: Summary and Responses

Abstract: The 95% confidence interval did not include zero, please check stats
We report a 90% confidence interval, it includes zero.

Please recheck references carefully
We have removed a duplicate reference and carefully renumbered.