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Dear editors,

Following the review of our manuscript entitled “Disagreements with implications: diverging discourses on the ethics of non-medical use of methylphenidate for performance enhancement” and request for revisions we are resubmitting a revised version of our paper. We were delighted that our paper was accepted.

We would like to thank the referees for taking the time to review our article. We considered their comments and suggestions in our revisions. Referee 1 reported that we should “highlight the need for scientific support of discourses in the media, bioethics and public health.” This addition was made in our conclusion on page 24. Referee 2 reported that we should consider reducing the extension of our manuscript. We re-read the manuscript and considered the recommendation to reduce the extension. We concluded that the manuscript strikes a good balance between the recommendation of Referee 2, the scope of the results and the length of the text. If this remains a crucial problem we would be willing to revise the manuscript again. You will also find that our manuscript now conforms to the BMC formatting standards as specified in the revisions and the online guidelines.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or additional requests.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Cynthia Forlini and Eric Racine