Author's response to reviews

Title: Associations of food group and nutrient intake, diet quality, and meal sizes between adults and children in the same household: a cross-sectional analysis of U.S. households

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Attached please find our manuscript "Associations of food group and nutrient intake, diet quality, and meal sizes between adults and children in the same household: a cross-sectional analysis of U.S. households,” co-authored by Jennifer Zuercher, David Wagstaff, and Sibylle Kranz. We have made the requested major and minor editorial revisions as requested. We hope that we have addressed all of your comments and concerns acceptably. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)

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