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Dear Editor and Reviewer,

We kindly appreciate the revision of our manuscript. We hope that the revised manuscript will be acceptable for publication in your journal. We would like also to thank you for allowing us to resubmit a revised copy of the manuscript.

Reviewer reports:

9. Authors have stated that participants were randomly selected for the present study from Kaunas city and Kaunas district, located in Kaunas County, Lithuania. But It was not mentioned anywhere in the manuscript about the ethnicity of the study subjects, such as for how many generations they had been living in that particular region.

It was corrected. Discussion section, line 318-322, pages 13 -14.

This study investigated only the population of 12–15-year-old adolescents of the second largest city and district of Lithuania. Lithuania is characterized by stable and homogenous ethnic structure of the population [62]. According to the 2011 Lithuanian Population Census, Lithuanians made up about 94.4% of the population in Kaunas County (84 % in Lithuania) [63]. The study subjects were randomly selected, so study sample included mostly ethnic Lithuanians. Lithuanians are the indigenous peoples in this region.