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Dear Prof. Brock Madsen,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit the R5 revised version of the manuscript “A biomechanical study of gait initiation in Down syndrome” to BMC Neurology. We have thoroughly revised and modified the document according to Editor’s comments.

Attached please find our point-to-point reply to the issues raised by the Editor.

Do not hesitate to contact us for any further question.

Sincerely
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Editor Comments:

1. Thank you for your efforts to revise the overlap in your manuscript. However, unfortunately, there still appears to be several instances where the text displayed overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

Overlap with this previously published source was found mainly in lines 14 – 18 of page 6.

And

Overlap with this previously published work was found mainly in lines 11 – 14 of page 16.

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Answer: Thank you for your comment. We have changed and reformulated the text in the page and rows indicated by this reviewer.
If this study uses methodology from a previously published work, please provide a summarizing statement in the methodology together with a citation to the original paper.

Answer: Thank you, we followed the reviewer comment adding a summarizing statement at the data analysis section inside “Methods”