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Dear Ms. Natan,

Thank you for the further review of our manuscript:

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We have revised the manuscript according to your requests. Details are provided below.

1. A statement in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

   We included a sentence noting that the study was reviewed and approved by the University of Illinois at Chicago Institutional Review Board (see lines 115-116),

2. Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

   Informed consent procedure is documented in the methods section (see lines 124-125).

3. If abbreviations are used in the text they should be defined in the text at first use, and a list of abbreviations can be provided, which should precede the competing interests and authors' contributions.

   A few abbreviations are in the text. A list of these is now provided (see lines 457-470)

4. Please include a 'Competing interests' section between the Conclusions and Authors' contributions. If there are none to declare, please write 'The authors declare that they have no competing interests'.

   We added this following our statement about grant funding for Dr. Stolley (see lines 493-494).

We appreciate the opportunity to make these revisions and look forward to the learning of the final decision regarding our manuscript.

Best,
Melinda Stolley, PhD