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1) Author's contributions. We added the statement that all authors have read and approved of the manuscript. Please note that there are two authors with the initials LS: Lisa Sharp, 2nd author and Linda Schiffer, 6th author. To clarify this, we added the Dr. Sharp’s middle initial K so that readers can discern between the two.

2) Written vs verbal consent. Please see lines 127-128 in the procedures section. This information has been in the paper since its original submission, but must have been missed. We highlighted this sentence so it is more easily found.

3) Ethics. although we have always included a statement about approval of the study by the Institutional Review Board at the University of Illinois, we added a section entitled ethics and added the word ethics following Institutional as we recognize that such boards ago by different names in different countries. Thank you for making that clear.