Author's response to reviews

Title: Australian children's consumption of caffeinated, formulated beverages: a cross-sectional analysis

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the ongoing review of our manuscript and providing us the opportunity to improve the quality of our paper.

Comments and revisions are detailed below, and changes have been made within the manuscript.

With thanks,

Kelsey Beckford

**Reviewer 1: Rosanna Watowicz**

In the authors' cover letter, there is a discussion of how this research relates to food policy. This discussion is extremely helpful in clarifying the goals of the research. I suggest that the authors add this discussion to the manuscript and use food policy to frame the manuscript, instead of focusing on the health consequences of caffeine intake (which leaves the reader to wonder why only one category of caffeinated beverage is being studied if all caffeine intake is detrimental) would improve the article. In it's current version, I have struggled with the rationale for excluding other caffeinated beverages from the analysis.

We have modified the text within the attached document, specifically the addition of lines 19-20 and 42-45 within the abstract, lines 297-298 and 317-320 within the discussion and lines 348-351 in the conclusion. These edits complement the existing text on the food policy implications in lines 52-63, 83-90 and 280-293.