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Dear Dr. Marshall,

upon the e-mail from Victorino Silvestre of the 6th June, please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled: "When children play, they feel better: Organized activity participation and health in adolescents" (MS: 1280922056174184) by Petr Badura, Andrea Madarasova Geckova, Dagmar Sigmundova, Jitse P. van Dijk and Sijmen A. Reijneveld, which we are submitting for exclusive consideration of publication in BMC Public Health. Below please find a point-by-point responses to required revisions:

1) 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.

Response: In the Czech legislation the written informed consent for participation in questionnaire surveys is not obligatory. It is required to receive a consent to conduct a survey from a school director, which we have received at all the participating schools. In the Czech Republic schools usually collect a so-called “general consent” from the pupils’ parents at the beginning of each school year, which covers consent to take photographs or audio/video footage of children, provision of school counsellor’s or psychologist’s services, and participation in anonymous questionnaire surveys. Moreover, the survey was conducted under auspices of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and voluntariness of participation was emphasized prior to administration of questionnaires. For these reasons, the required information is not included in the Methods.

2) Please include the email addresses for all of the authors in the title page of the manuscript.

Response: Email addresses for all the authors have been included in the title page.

We would like to thank you for considering this manuscript for publication in BMC Public Health and hope it will be of interest.

Yours sincerely,

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