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Dear Editors,

We would like to again extend our appreciation to the editor and the reviewers for taking the time to review the revised manuscript. Based on the comments, we have made the three changes that were requested. We have outlined these changes below and we submit a highlighted manuscript to clearly show the changes made to the manuscript.

Editor comments

1. Please include a consent statement in the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' section. Please also specify here whether you have informed parental consent and how you informed the parents about the study.

• We have included a statement in the abovementioned section regarding the parental consent process used in the study. (lines 589-593).
Reviewer 1 comments

1. Line 137, "Principal Investigator" doesn't need to be capitalized.
   - Line 137, capitalization of principal investigator has been removed as suggested.

2. I found the sentence on line 531 difficult to read, due to the length and the structure of the sentence.
   - We have broken the sentence in two, to improve its clarity.

We look forward to receiving any additional comments on our manuscript. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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