Author’s response to reviews

Title: The mediating role of the home environment in relation to parental educational level and preschool children’s screen time: A cross-sectional study

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The authors’ response letter has been included as a supplementary file.

Thank you for your comments and suggestions to improve the quality of our manuscript. A native language editor has once again checked our manuscript and paid special attention to the verb-tenses. She also read through your guidance (https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript and http://www.springer.com/gp/authors-editors/authorandreviewertutorials/writinginenglish).

Therefore, some grammatical changes were made in the manuscript. The changes made in the manuscript are written in red. The possible removals are marked with strikethrough and red color. Hopefully, our changes in the manuscript will further clarify the manuscript.

Editor Comments:

Thank you for your detailed responses to the reviewers’ comments. There are some further tense and wording issues including some of the changes that have been made. Examples are:
Line 68: 'higher risks to exceed the screen-time recommendations' should read 'higher risk of exceeding screen-time recommendations' OK. Please see the change in line 65.

Line 69: This sentence is very long and does not make sense. Suggest dividing in to two sentences 'High levels of screen time are of public health concern due to detrimental health associations. High screen time, particularly television viewing, has been associated with... OK. Native language editor has now double-checked this sentence. We hope that corrections made on this sentence makes it clearer now. Please see the changes in lines between 65 and 69.

Line 90: both past tense and present tense in the same sentence. OK. Please see the change in line 80.

Line 336: Is this meant to say 'more efficacious in using screens'? what does this mean? Thank you for this question. We have aimed to clarify the meaning of this sentence now. Please, see the changes in lines 311 and 312.

Please carefully check this paper before resubmitting.

In addition, our language editor suggested the following changes into our manuscript:

- She checked that when referring to screen time, it is constantly used more/less or excessive/increased/decreased screen time (please changes among others in lines 45,58,65, 77,78,245, 313,388)

- Higher importance was replaced with greater importance, similarly higher access was replaces with greater access (please see the changes among others in lines 47, 237,240,258,271,301,387)

- Lines 90-91: This added sentence was shortened to make the meaning of sentence easier to interpret.

- Lines 100-103: The verb-tenses were double-checked and the structure of sentence was shortened.

- Lines 136-138: The verb-tenses were double-checked and corrected.

- Lines 157 and 159: the verb-tenses were corrected.

- Lines 201- 204: The verb-tenses were corrected so that it fits to the context better.

- Lines 286- 288: This sentence was simplified and verb-tenses were corrected.

- Lines 317, 323, 325,330,353,358, 366,370: verb-tenses were checked.
- In addition, due to these changes mentioned above, some prepositions were changed throughout the manuscript.