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Response: Yes, this study was approved by the university ethics committee (The Second Xiangya Hospital of Central South University Review Board, No. S101, 2011). As this was only a four-page survey without drawing blood or MRI scan (my research also focuses on them and written consent always be provided). Subjects were fully informed about the survey before giving verbal informed consent. Subjects who under 18 years of age were both obtained verbal consent from them and their parents or guardians.

If you need the original ethical approval document (only in Chinese), please require by sending email to me at tangjinsong@csu.edu.cn.

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Response: we added a completed STROBE checklist as an additional file.

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Response: We revised it accordingly.