Author’s response to reviews

Title: Background and evaluation design of a community-based health-promoting school intervention: Fit Lifestyle at School and at Home (FLASH)

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Dear editor,

Thank you for your comments on our manuscript “Background and evaluation design of a community-based health-promoting school intervention: Fit Lifestyle at School and at Home (FLASH)” (PUBH-D-19-00337R1). In the following letter, we would like to respond to your comments.

- Comment 1 regarding TRN: Thank you for providing us with a Trial Registration Number (TRN) (ISRCTN67201841; date registered: 09-05-2019, retrospectively registered.) Please add this information into the Abstract of your manuscript, and ensure that the abstract entered into the submission system is also updated.

Response: We added the TRN in the abstract in the manuscript in line 47, page 2. The TRN was also added into the abstract entered in the submission system.

- Comment 2 regarding specifying type of student and parent/legal guardian consent to participate: In the Ethical approval and consent to participate statement of the Declarations, please specify whether the consent was written or verbal. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

Response: We added this information into the Ethical approval and consent to participate statement in the Declarations.
Response: the consent to participate given by both students and by parents/legal guardian is a written consent. This has been added in the following sections of the manuscript:

- Line 288/289, page 12: participating students provide written consent by completing a preliminary question before starting the questionnaire
- Line 289/290, page 12: students can only participate if their parents/guardian provide written consent as well.
- Line 488-492, page 20: the same information has been added under the heading declarations - ethics approval and consent to participate

- Comment 3 regarding the role of the funding body: In the Funding statement of the Declarations, please describe the role of the funding bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: The role of the funding body has been added in the Funding statement of the declarations: line 507-509, page 20. The funding body did not play a role in the design of this study, in the writing of the current manuscript and will not play a role during data-collection, analysis, interpretation and writing of future manuscripts.

- Comment 4 regarding uploading a clean manuscript: At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Response: The yellow high-light in the abstract for the TRN was removed and replaced with the correct number in a clean format.

With kind regards on behalf of all co-authors,

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