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Dear Doctor Majeed,

We are pleased to hear that you are considering our manuscript “Prevalence of adolescent physical activity-related injuries in sports, leisure time, and school: the National Physical Activity Behaviour Study for Children and Adolescents” for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. Responses to all the reviewer/editorial comments follow.

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Reply:
As the study was a survey study, a protocol of passive consent was approved by the ethical committee of the University of Jyväskylä, when permitting approval to the study protocol. This statement has been added to “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section on page 14.

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Reply:

KP, ML and AR (and JP) made substantial contributions to analysis and interpretation of the data, which AMR is responsible for. The contribution statement in page 15 has been revised.

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Additional changes:

On page 15, “the City of Tampere Science Fund” has been changed to “the Scientific Council of City of Tampere” to correspond with the correct English translation. This change had been previously done in the Funding Information in the electronic submission system.