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Dear Louise Symmons

Thank you for your letter. I am resubmitting the manuscript OHEA-D-16-00443, with the solicited revisions as well as the detailed response letter on behalf of the authors.

If any further information is required, please let me know and I will provide it promptly.

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- As requested, the statement “Not Applicable” was added to the Consent to Publish section (line 340) and the statement “Consent was obtained from the parents/guardians of all participants involved. This consent was written, and was approved by the Ethics Committee” was moved to the Ethics section (line 337-338)

2. We note that you have not included an ‘Availability of data and materials’ section in the Declarations.

- The datasets used and analysed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

(If you prefer we can make the dataset available, but I will have to translate it)

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- The statement “No funding was obtained for this study” was included in a Funding section (line 353-354) and the statement “The funder had no role in the study design, data collection, data analysis, decision to publish, or preparation of the manuscript” was removed from the Acknowledgements section

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