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Dear Louise,

Thank you for your letter. I am resubmitting the manuscript OHEA-D-16-00443, with the requested 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.

1. Thank you for clarifying that “The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.” Please provide an ‘Availability of data and materials’ section in the Declarations and include the above statement in this section.

• As requested, a ‘Availability of data and materials’ section was provided in the Declarations and the statement “The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request” was included in that section. (Lines 357-359)
2. We note that a calibration process was performed in a group of 30 children aged 12 to 15 years old. Please could you clarify whether informed consent, written or verbal, was obtained from the parents/legal guardians of these children. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure. If the need for consent was waived by an IRB or is deemed unnecessary according to national regulations, please clearly state this, including the name of the IRB or a reference to the relevant legislation.

• The text now says “The calibration process was performed prior to the survey in a group of 30 children aged 12 to 15 years old and, like in the main sample, written informed consent was obtained from the parents/legal guardians of these adolescents.” (Lines 158-161)

Kind regards,

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