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Hello:

We are so pleased that the above-named manuscript has been conditionally accepted by your journal. We have addressed all remaining requests and issues as described here, and a clean version of the manuscript has been uploaded as instructed.

Best regards,

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Request #1

Please revise the Declarations subsection - Ethics approval and consent to participate - of your manuscript to include the full names of the ethics committees that approved your study.

Author:

Declarations, Ethics approval and consent to participate, page 18, currently reads: “The University Health Network Research Ethics Board approved this study.” As a minimal risk study, it was reviewed by the Research Ethics Board staff rather than a formal committee, so there is no formal committee to mention here other than the entity itself – the University Health Network Research Ethics Board. We could certainly amend the statement to read: “As a minimal risk study, staff of the University Health Network Research Ethics Board approved this study.” if the editors wish, but will leave it as is for now, until we hear otherwise.

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REVIEWER (Daniel Matlock)

Request #1

I have read the revisions and I feel the authors have adequately responded to my concerns.

Authors:
Thank you!

Request #2

One very small typo that could easily slip editing "values" should be "valves" in the new text
Authors:

Done - see Results, Participants and Devices, line 19, page 8