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Title: Insights into the genetics of blood pressure in black South African individuals: The Birth to Twenty cohort

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Good afternoon

Re:Corrections based on Editor's comments

Thank you for the Editor's comments received earlier today on our manuscript entitled "Insights into the genetics of blood pressure in black South African individuals: The Birth to Twenty cohort" (MGNM-D-17-00134). The corrections have been made as indicated after each of the comments below:

Editor's comments:

1. We have noted that the average age of the participants was 17.9 years of age. Please clarify whether any of these participants were minors (under the age of 16). If there were minors included in this study, please clarify who consented on their behalf, as they would not be allowed to consent for themselves. Please include any clarifications in the Methods and in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section. - I have added a clarification in the Methods section that no minors were included.
2. Please clarify whether the consent that was obtained from the participants and their carers was written or verbal, please this information in the Methods and in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section. - I have added a clarification in both sections that written assent/consent was obtained.

3. At this stage, we ask that you submit a clean version of your manuscript and do not include track changes or highlighting. - The submitted manuscript is free of any markups.

Please let me know if any further changes need to be made.

Kind regards

Liesl Hendry