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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a revised version of our manuscript (SSMR-D-19-00022), entitled “Longitudinal changes in body composition and waist circumference by self-reported levels of physical activity in leisure among adolescents: The Tromsø Study, Fit Futures».

Below you will find our point-by-point response. As requested, the submitted manuscript and tables does not include tracked changes.

We hope you will find the revised manuscript satisfactory, and look forward to your reply.

In the meantime,
Sincerely yours

Nils Abel Aars

Response to editor:

• Editor writes: “In your Ethics approval section, please clarify whether consent obtained from participants was written or verbal. If consent was obtained verbally please include reasoning for this and state if an IRB approved this method of obtaining consent. Additionally, please state whether or not parental/legal guardian consent was sought on behalf of the participants as it is noted that all participants are under the age of 18.”

  o The requested information has been provided. See page 17, lines 2-4.

• Editor writes: «In the Ethics approval and consent to participate subsection of your Declarations please include the full name of the ethics committee which approved your study protocol. This usually includes reference to the specific local geographical location of the ethics committee; the ‘regional’ committee of … does not specify which exact ethics committee approved your study.”

  o The requested information has been provided. See page 17, line 1-2.