Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effects of adding psychosocial stimulation for children of lactating mothers using an unconditional cash transfer platform on neurocognitive behavior of children in rural Bangladesh: protocol for a cluster randomized controlled trial

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To
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Subject: Request for consideration for publication of the attached manuscript (revised 1) on

“Effects of Adding Psychosocial Stimulation for Children of Lactating Mothers using an Unconditional Cash Transfer platform on Neurocognitive Behaviour of Children in Rural Bangladesh: protocol for a cluster randomized controlled trial”
Dear Sir,

We are submitting the revised manuscript for your consideration for publication in your journal. Please see our response to the reviewers’ comments under each point. The red fonts are the changes we have made in the manuscript (please see the manuscript).

Comment: 1) As participants are going to be recruited through a list from the local government authority of Ullapara. Please confirm whether you have obtained all necessary administrative permissions to access and use this data. This information should be included in the Methods and in the section “Ethics approval and consent to participate” in the Declarations.

Response: Necessary administrative permission of GOB has been obtained. As the manuscript has been written in the future tense, we have added the following to the section of “Ethics approval and consent to participate”. Please see the line number 277-278: “Necessary administrative permission of GOB will be obtained to access and use the information of the study participants.”

Comment: 2) Please re-order the Declarations to ensure it meets the criteria outlined in our Submission Guidelines (https://bmcpsychology.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/study-protocol#declarations) and move the section “Ethics” to the Declarations under the heading “Ethics approval and consent to participate”.

Response: The declaration section has been rearranged following the guidelines.

Please see the declaration section in pages 13-14.

Comment: 3) Please describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript should be declared.

Response: “The funding body had no role in the design of the study, collection, analysis, and interpretation of data or in writing the manuscript.” This is added to the manuscript. Please see the page number 14, line numbers 297-298.
Comment: 4) Under the heading Authors’ Contributions in the Declarations, please state the contribution of the author S.M. Mulk Uddin Tipu to this study.

Response: It was a typo. We have stated the contribution of S.M. Mulk Uddin Tipu in the section of authors’ contribution. Please see the page number 14, line number 302.

Comment: 5) Please include the date of registration of the trial along with the registration number.

Response: The date and number of registration of the trial have been added in the abstract section. Please see the page number 3, line number 66.

Comment: 6) Please number the Table and Figure. In addition, please remove the figure title embedded within the figure and re-upload the corrected version.

Response: We have done it as per your guideline.

Sincerely yours

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