Author’s response to reviews

Title: Study Protocol for PRISE: a longitudinal study of sexual harassment during the transition from childhood to adolescence

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Dear Editor,

We are very happy that you think our manuscript “Study Protocol for PRISE: a longitudinal study of sexual harassment during the transition from childhood to adolescence”, PSYO-D-19-00243, has the potential to be accepted for publication in BMC Psychology. Below is a detailed description of how we have dealt with each of the seven comments.

Comment 1.
Please format your abstract under the following headings:
•Background
•Methods
•Discussion
•Trial Registration
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The last section of the abstract should be Trial Registration: listing the trial registry and the unique identifying number, e.g. Trial registration: Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN73824458, as well as the date of registration. Please note that there should be no space between the letters and numbers of the trial registration number. If registration took place after the first participant was enrolled, please state also “Retrospectively registered” at the end of this section

Our response:
We have formatted the abstract under the required headings. According to the definition in BMC editorial policy, our study is not a clinical trial. We do not evaluate any intervention. We conduct a longitudinal study in which we will follow a cohort of individuals over three years. Therefore,
the PRISE study has not been registered as a trial. Consequently, we have not provided information about Trial Registration in the abstract.

Comment 2.
Please format your Manuscript under the following headings:
• Background
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• Discussion

Our response:
We have formatted the manuscript under the required headings.

Comment 3.
We note that some abbreviations used in the manuscript text have not been included in the ‘List of Abbreviations’ section. Please ensure that all abbreviations present in the text are listed in this section.

Our response:
We have added a “List of Abbreviations” section to the manuscript in which we have included the abbreviations used in the manuscript.

Comment 4.
In the “Funding” section of your declarations, please clarify the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.
Our response:
We have added the following sentence to the Funding section: “The funding body has no role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.”

Comment 5.
Please confirm whether informed consent, written or verbal, was obtained from all participants and clearly state this in your "Ethics and Consent to Participate" section. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

Our response:
We have confirmed that consent will be obtained from all participants in the "Ethics and Consent to Participate" section. We have also specified how consent will be obtained from children, legal guardians, and teachers, respectively. The consent procedure has been approved by the ethics committee.

Comment 6.
We note that you have not included an “Acknowledgements” section in the Declarations. Authors should obtain permission to acknowledge from all those mentioned in the “Acknowledgements” section. If no acknowledgements are necessary then please state 'None'. 
Our response:
As we do not have any acknowledgements, we have stated “None” in the “Acknowledgements” section.

Comment 7.
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Our response: We have uploaded our manuscript as a single, final, clean version. We have uploaded the table as a separate file.

We hope that these corrections are satisfactory. We would be happy to revise again if that is deemed necessary.

Sincerely,
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