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We have revised the sample and study procedure sections pertaining to the BIBO study (page 9, lines 15-19, 21-22). We included a second reference that provides additional information on the BIBO study.

2. In the Authors’ contributions section, please have Anja C Huizink’s initials coordinate with the name that was submitted.

This has been corrected (page 22, line 6).
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