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Prof. Clark,

Thank you for considering our manuscript, and providing us with reviewer feedback. As detailed in our response we have modified our manuscript, addressing all of the reviewer comments and concerns. Most notably, we have provided several new supplementary analyses data tables to address the concerns regarding the age difference between our cohorts. We have also described several limitations to our study in the discussion. If you have any further questions for us, please do not hesitate to ask

Regards

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