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Dear Dr. Sage:

Thank you very much for notifying us of the provisional acceptance of our manuscript for Nature Letters, “Distinguishing Spin-Aligned and Isotropic Black Hole Populations With Gravitational Waves.” Since you have received the last draft, our only edits have been to re-format the paper appropriately for final submission. We have

- Removed the first footnote, and incorporated the last two footnotes into the main text.
- Removed the URLs from references 32 and 34 (these references are complete without them).
- Removed arXiv numbers from references to published papers.
- Split the bibliography into two parts, one following the main text and one following the “Methods” section, with continuous numbering.
- Moved the existing code availability statement to the end of the methods section and added a standard “Data Availability” statement immediately following (both code and data are stored in the same public repository on GitHub).
- Moved figure captions to the end of the main section and methods section, and removed figures from the PDF produced by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.
- Corrected the references and title for the single table item to “Extended Data Table 1.”

I am afraid that on my original submission I must have clicked “Save and Exit”

instead of “Submit,” so I apologize that this is reaching you a week late.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Will Farr". The word "Will" is written in a cursive style, and "Farr" is written in a more stylized, cursive script.

Will M. Farr