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Dear Editor(s)

We have revised our manuscript numbered LU16271, titled "A non-contextual hidden variable model for quantum mechanics" in accordance with your suggestions. We have focussed on delineating its wider appeal and on placing our work in an appropriate, broader, context. This required a substantial portion to be rewritten and we expect that the revised manuscript now meets your criteria for peer review.

The unforeseeable delay was caused by a series of health related issues and by a change in location of one of the authors upon his acceptance of a new position.

Sincerely

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