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Dear PLOS staff,

We hereby submit our manuscript ‘Ordinal Effects of Ostracism: A Meta-Analysis of 120 Cyberball Studies’. We would appreciate it if you could consider our work for publication in the *PLOS: ONE* journal. This is an original manuscript, and is not under consideration elsewhere. The main text of the manuscript is 11,345 words long, and is accompanied by 2 figures and 5 tables.

Cyberball was introduced by JPSP in the year 2000 as a new method to study ostracism and has now been cited 898 times according to google scholar (Williams, Cheung, & Choi, 2000). In the current manuscript we present a meta-analysis of all the published and unpublished studies that have been conducted with Cyberball since. We expect our analyses to spur debate, as it both corroborates and conflicts with current theorizing on ostracism. Additionally, we provide practical insights into power estimation and effect moderation when designing studies using the Cyberball game. We declare no conflicts of interest, and potential reviewers that come to mind are Michael Bernstein, Ginette Blackhart and Jonathan Gerber, who have published earlier reviews on similar topics. Potential appropriate PLOS ONE academic editors are Harriet de Wit, Oscar García, and Michiel van Elk.

Please note we made all our research files available on the Open Science Framework (OSF). The link to this OSF page is provided in the manuscript. On this page we preregistered our hypotheses. Moreover, we presented parts of this meta-analysis at the EASP conference in Amsterdam last summer. Hence, it is likely reviewers will realize we are the authors. Personally, we do not consider this problematic.

We look forward to your reply, and hope you will find our research intriguing for review.

Kind regards,

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