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Dear Dr. Biernat,

We hereby submit our manuscript ‘Ordinal Effects of Ostracism: A Meta-Analysis of Cyberball Studies’. We would appreciate it if you could consider our work for publication in *Personality and Social Psychology Review*. This is an original manuscript, and is not under consideration elsewhere. The main text of the manuscript is 9742 words long, and is accompanied by 3 figures and 5 tables.

In the manuscript we report a comprehensive meta-analysis of studies of ostracism using the Cyberball paradigm. Our work provides several valuable theoretical insights on ostracism. We expect our analyses to spur debate, as it both corroborates and conflicts with current theorizing. 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.

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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