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Dear Dr. Albarracín,

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 *Psychological Bulletin*. This is an original manuscript, and is not under consideration elsewhere. The main text of the manuscript is 9473 words long, and is accompanied by 3 figures and 5 tables.

Our manuscript reports a comprehensive meta-analysis of studies of ostracism using the Cyberball paradigm. Our work provides several valuable theoretical insights on social ostracism. We also expect it 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 this topic.

We note that all our research files are available on the Open Science Framework (OSF), which includes author names. This OSF page is linked to in the manuscript, and reviewers can easily discover us as authors. We do not consider this a problem, personally. The availability of our research files supersedes our anonymity during peer review.

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

Kind regards,

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