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Response to Reviewers

Reviewer's code: 03340662

Overall the study is reasonable. Abstract is ok.

RESPONSE: We thank the reviewer for this general positive evaluation of our work.

The introduction appears like discussion. This part should be shortened significantly without repetitions into maximum of two paragraphs.

RESPONSE: We have considerably shortened the Introduction by half, mainly by deleting the detailed information on sex and age studies in CHR states that, indeed, are often stated again in the Discussion. Yet, for the reader interested in these details, we newly added supplementary texts including these details.

Sample and assessments are alright. Ethical approval is mentioned. Statistics is reasonably explained. The results are presented with the help of 38 tables. This section is mostly organized.

RESPONSE: We thank the reviewer for this positive perception of these parts of the paper and, thus, have only made some minor language corrections.

Discussion is alright but the repetitions can be minimized. The limitations are addressed. References are too many, could be reduced to 60 or so.

RESPONSE: We have revised the Discussion, which, after the considerable shortening of the Introduction, has not included redundant information.

Furthermore, we have considerably reduced the number of references from 117 to 87; a further reduction had not been possible without rendering statements unreferenced.

We hope, the reviewer will agree with these changes.

Reviewer's code: 03026651

Thank you for this interesting study

RESPONSE: We thank the reviewer for this positive perception of our paper.