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Please find attached our revised manuscript, **“Breath collection from children for disease biomarker discovery,”** for consideration for publication in *JoVE*. All authors (Amalia Z. Berna, Brian DeBosch, Janis Stoll, Audrey R. Odom John) support this publication, have reviewed the manuscript, and concur with each of its parts. This work is not under consideration elsewhere.

We were grateful for the thorough and thoughtful reviews of our initial submission (JoVE59217). The queries and comments by both reviewers were well received. In response, we have edited the main text and figure legends to improve clarity, as requested by the reviewers, and now provide an updated illustration of our equipment in use (updated Figure 2). Please find submitted our point-by-point response to reviewers, as well as unmarked and marked copies of our revised manuscript. We believe our work has been strengthened and hope that it will now be suitable for publication in *JoVE*. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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