Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Ms Puebla,
Thank you for your e-mail of 4th October 2004 and for apologising for the delay in processing our manuscript. We are pleased that the editor feels the reviewers' comments have been adequately addressed in our manuscript of May 2004.

I have been through the list of formatting changes required and produced a final version which I hope very much will be found suitable for online publication. There seem to be a couple of discrepancies in the instructions, which I hope I have interpreted correctly:

1. authors' affiliations denoted by superscript numbers - I assume the examples do not have this as they have been e-mailed in a non-Word format
2. in the references, you refer to avoiding punctuation after authors' initials but the example has commas then after the final author a colon. I presume the instruction should be to avoid full stops?

Please find below a point-by-point description of the changes made in response to your letter.

Yours sincerely,

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1. Capitalisation has been reduced in the title
2. Affiliations have been denoted with superscript numbers
3. Keywords section has been removed and the important words identified as being in the abstract and title
4. Highlighting has been removed
5. Competing interests paragraph has been rewritten as requested
6. Reference format has been checked and changed where necessary
7. The figures have been revised: unfortunately we could not produce a single figure so, as suggested, have renumbered them 1-3. The images have the edges cropped as requested.