Author's response to reviews

Title: The Manchester Color Wheel: development of a novel way of identifying color choice and its validation in healthy, anxious and depressed individuals

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We have revised our manuscript according to your instructions with two exceptions, points 3 and 7 below.

1. We have restructured the abstract.
2. We have provided titles for all Figures.
3. We have changed the case of some of the title of the paper but have retained capital letters for 'Manchester Colour Wheel' as we anticipate the instrument will be used under this title and Manchester has to retain a capital letter anyway.
4. We have included city and country in the affiliations.
5. We have included initials in front of the authors email addresses.
6. The text is now all in black.
7. Under the instruction starting 'Structure' you have asked us to put 'Results' as an overall heading before the section entitled 'Study 1: Results'. This would not be appropriate because one of your reviewers asked us to revise the manuscript into 'Study 1: Methods and Results' and 'Study 2: Methods and Results' and we have done this. Therefore putting overall 'Results' in front of 'Study 1: Results' would be wrong as more 'Methods' follow this section. We have therefore not changed the current layout.
8. We have renamed and reformatted the abbreviations section.
9. We have moved the statement on funding to the Acknowledgements section.
10. We have changed 'Legends to Figures' to 'Figure Legends'.
11. Titles have been added above the tables and any extra text underneath the table.

We hope the paper is now fully acceptable.

Best wishes,
Peter Whorwell