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Dear Sir or Madam

We submit (as requested in your email dated 20th January 2006) a revised version of manuscript number 8516355478611267 “An investigation of Minimisation criteria” for your consideration.

We thank the reviewer for their helpful comments and below give a point by point response:

**Major compulsory revision**

We have added a section to the discussion as requested (page 19).

**Minor essential revisions**

1. We have included a worked example of minimisation (pages 8 & 9)

2. We have expanded on the rationale for choosing 5000 simulations (page 12)

3. We have expanded on the extent to which our example is typical (page 14)

4. We have added a sentence to the discussion stressing the additional benefit (page 19)

5. We think that the reviewer has raised an important point that we had previously omitted to discuss. We have added a paragraph to the discussion (page 21).

6. We have standardised all graph axes.

We hope that you will now find the article suitable for publication. Please let us know if any further amendments are required.

Yours sincerely

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