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Re: Formatting Changes for MS: 3749025001790896

Dear Editor:

We wish to thank the editorial team for accepting our manuscript to the BMC Medical Research Methodology Journal. The manuscript has been revised to reflect the formatting requirements suggested in your last correspondence with us. With this re-submission, we have also provided point-by-point descriptions of the changes made to the manuscript (please see page 2).

We hope the paper is in an acceptable form for publication in the BMC Medical Research Methodology Journal. We look forward to hear from you.

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**Point-by-point description of changes made to manuscript**

1. **Affiliations:** Each affiliation has been re-written in the required format.
2. **Abstract:** The 'Purpose and Methods' section has been renamed as 'Methods'.
3. **Conclusions:** A “Conclusions” section has been inserted after the Discussion.
4. **Authors' Contributions:** This section is now placed after “Competing interests”.
5. **Website addresses:** Websites have been removed from the text, and cited from the main reference list only. We also adhere to the suggested reference structure for websites.
6. **Figure order:** The figure order has been changed to reflect BMC requirements.
7. **Figure title:** Titles and legends have been removed from image files.
8. **Figure cropping:** Figures have been cropped as closely as possible to minimize white space.
9. **Additional files:** We now refer to additional files in the text using the required format.
10. **Additional files:** Additional files are now listed in the required format.