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Author's response to reviews:

Dear editor,

First I want to apologise that we did not respond within one week, due to some personal circumstances. Hopefully you are still willing to accept the paper for publication.

Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript, titled: 'Blood test ordering for unexplained complaints in general practice: the VAMPIRE randomised clinical trial protocol. [ISRCTN55755886]' Below I will specify the formatting changes we made:

Title and abstract:

- we removed the word 'protocol', which was above the title in the previous manuscript
- we copy-pasted again the abstract into the submission system

Author list:

- we removed the dots between the initials in the previous manuscript and added an accent grave at the name of the second co-author in the submission system

Box 1:

- we renamed this 'table 1', and put the text in a table format using the tables tool in word.
- Other tables have been renumbered accordingly
- references to the box and tables have been renumbered accordingly as well

Tables:

- We are not aware of any differences in the format of the manuscript compared to the requested format, but you might mean the necessary changes in the text box, which have been described above. However we checked the tables and think that they are divided into cells, that borders are black, that alignment is consistent, that tables have not been inserted as images and that they have been created using the tables tool in word.
- we noticed a few textual failures in the tables which we corrected.

Hopefully these changes will be satisfacory.
Kind regards,

Loes van Bokhoven