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Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to your e-mail of 14th June 2007, I have made the formatting changes as requested and now detailed below.

1. Affiliations amended to required format and authors linked to corresponding affiliation using superscript numbers. Could I just clarify where will the postal and e-mail address of the corresponding author be displayed?

2. References placed before figure legend.

3. Figure cropped.

4. Document has been proof read. I have taken the opportunity to make some small changes to the text, summarised below.

i). Page 8 line 6: replaced 'they' with 'the participant'
ii). Page 8 line 7: deleted 'that they'
iii). Page 8 last line: added (timed 'up and go' test) after walking test
iv). Page 9 final paragraph: changed 'one hour and 40 minutes' to 'one hour and 30 minutes'

Best wishes

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