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Dear Sir /Madam

Regarding MS ID: 3338268354992838

I am currently on a field trip in Nepal. Access to computers, internet and additional support to help re-format the manuscript is limited. Nevertheless, I am keen not to delay processing of the manuscript. Therefore, I have attempted to respond to your requests.

Major changes
1. References: References are cited in numerical order. Reference 22 is now cited within the main text as reference 13. References then continue to be cited in numerical order after this reference is cited.

2. Tables: Tables have been re-created using MS word Tables tool. Tables have been divided into rows and columns and oriented in a portrait page layout. I have tried to ensure text alignment in columns is clear and consistent. There are no vertical lines in the tables.

Minor Changes
3. Title: Title has been re-formatted in sentence case in both the manuscript file and the submission system. I have capitalised only the first word and proper nouns. The period has been removed.
4. Line numbers have been removed.
5. Abbreviations: These have been formatted into a single paragraph.
6. I have attempted to re-layout the tables avoiding the use of merged cells that cross rows. However, I am not expert with Word tables tool and I am not sure if I successfully achieved this request.
7. Typography: I have checked the manuscript for typographical errors.
8. I have made a three revisions:-
   i. I have shortened the Titles of the tables.
   ii. I have included an additional footnote in Table 1 clarifying that outcome data for the Non-viral group corresponds to 38/40 of the patients in this group.
   iii. I have shortened the footnotes for the Tables.

   Given my limited access to computers/internet, I would appreciate if the editorial team also checked for typographical errors. I would also be grateful for an opportunity to make a final check the manuscript once I am back in the UK from the 24th of October.

Many thanks
Mike Griffiths