**Author’s response to reviews**

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There were no further suggestions from reviewers. We have amended the manuscript according to editorial suggestions as follows:

1. We have removed numbering from the Abstract section.
2. We have renumbered the references in the same style as other BMC journals. (Sorry about that.)
3. We have added a section on competing interests. (None declared.)

One final thing: In the email sent to us by the editor, there was a remark that the Results and Conclusions should be in separate sections. They already were. We are not sure if the comment was made as standard procedure, or have we misunderstood what the editor means? There was a comment also made that the Abstract must be fewer than 250 words. Again, the Abstract already contained fewer than 250 words.

Regards,

David McKay