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Editorial Production team,

I am submitting a revise manuscript to the production team.

I removed the 2 from Alyson's name in the submission system. I did not see the 2 because the name stretched farther than the size of the box. Sorry about that.

I am a little confused by this comment: "Author groups: please include the name of the group within the list of authors, by adding the name to the `first name` box; and the bracketed abbreviation to the `last name` box in the submission system. Please remove the names of the members of the group from the title page and place them in the Acknowledgements, as they are to be acknowledged as members of the study group. The group's contribution as a whole can be given in the authors contributions section."

Response: First, I added to the submission system an additional final author called "Look" as a first name and "AHEAD Study" as the last name. Please note that we are required by the Look AHEAD Study to have the study name displayed in the author list. I noticed that a recent BMC Medical Genetics article (BMC Medical Genetics 2011, 12:19doi:10.1186/1471-2350-12-19) had at the end of their author list “for The EMAS Study Group” and I would like to have our
article look the same way.

Second, all the authors contributed to this article through a formal publication committee process independently of their involvement in Look AHEAD, so I am not going to remove any authors from this publication.

The tracking has been removed from the current files.

I have corrected what I think was the problem with Figure 1.

The table format is a problem I realize because of merged cells. I am not able to display the column titles without merging the cells. Hopefully you are able to make this work with the tables I am providing.

Thanks for your patience.

Gordon