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Dear Prof Alam,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit the changes to the format of the manuscript, entitled ‘Causes and consequences of cerebral small vessel disease. The RUN DMC study: a prospective cohort study. Study rationale and protocol’.

We added a point-by-point list of the changes made in the manuscript according to your suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

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