Author's response to reviews

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Dear editor,

We have now revised the manuscript in the light for the second set of the comments from reviewers.
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Reviewer's report
Version: 2 Date: 27 October 2011
Reviewer: Jacobus Van der Velden
Reviewer's report:
The article should go for major compulsory revision not so much around the data analysis and other methodology but the more about a clear research question + related background information followed by a systematic discussion. Has been revised

After the first review the authors made minimal revisions whereas MAJOR changes are required. Also the English needs major upgrading. Changes have been done and English has been reviewed by a native speaker (PhD in Epidemiology)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests: No conflict of interests

Reviewer's report
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Reviewer: Tarek Meguid
Reviewer's report:
Minor Essential Revisions
I think there is improvement but there are still some minor issues, which I have highlighted in the text. The text not seen but issues considered necessary for changes have been worked on

The major problems do remain and I feel the authors should comment on them more. I feel the discussion could be more thorough. But my concerns have been
addressed. Worked on them particularly on the introduction and discussion

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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