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- we changed the title of the article to fit in with your format [addition of the methodology]
- we corrected typing errors
- we corrected the email address for Jo Hermans
- the figures 1 and 2 were now submitted as powerpoint files, we hope that the quality of these figures is now acceptable
- we reformatted table 4 to get rid of the vertical lines
- we added asterixes to highlight significany in tables
- we added the competing interest declaration to the manuscript