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To Whom it May Concern

The formatting changes have been made as requested in your letter from January 14th 2011.

Major revisions:
- Author’s contributions have been updated
- Tables are now presented without shading and colours
- The additional file showing one supplemental Figure has been renamed and uploaded as "Figure S1", the changes have been made in the manuscript text accordingly
- Figures and tables are now all mentioned and in the correct order in the manuscript text. Ranges have been removed.

Minor revisions:
- Highlighting and tracking have been removed from the manuscript text
- Affiliations: country name has been added
- Conflicts of interest: statement has been removed from the title page
- The "Material and methods" section has been renamed "Methods"
- References show now all authors with exception of the reference Bass et al where the number of authors exceed 30. References 44 and 45 have been added since these manuscripts have been meanwhile accepted for publication. The commentary "Wilbertz and Perner, personal communication" has been therefore removed from the manuscript text.

- Visible vertical lines have been removed from the tables as requested
- Typography has been checked.