Author's response to reviews

Title: Serum levels of selenium and smoking habits at age 50 influence long term prostate cancer risk; a 34 year ULSAM follow-up

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Thank you for giving the recommendations for formatting the article correctly. All major formatting revisions requested before publication have been performed, please see below. All but two of the minor formatting revisions requested have also been performed- the two remaining ones were the ones concerning tables and figures, please see details below. Hope fully you could revise to fit the publication format as you noted in your e-mail would be possible.

Best regards

Birgitta Grundmark, MD, on behalf of the authors

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Author response: The author list has been revised as suggested.

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Author response: The references have been updated with correct formatting and working links.

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Author response: the order of reference 41 and 42 have been corrected along with their order in the reference list.

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Author response: A relevant reference in the manuscript for table 1 has been added so that the tables now are referenced in the text in the correct order. Hence the order of the tables at the end of the manuscript remains unchanged.

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Author response: If possible I would like to ask you in the Editorial Production Team to do these changes, as you have suggested above would be possible. (I will not in a while have access to the tools to revise the figures since I would need to consult one of my Co-authors, dr Garmo, who is not available until after the deadline (Oct 6).) If this is not possible, please let me know as soon as possible and I will still try to work this out as soon as possible.

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