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Changes made: All of the requested formatting changes have been made. The figure (the model) has been cropped as requested - and is attached in the required separate file.

REVIEWERS comments: All attended to
Points 3/4 - the comment re 34% response rate, the text has been re-arranged in the METHODS section to improve clarity and a NEW PARAGRAPH in the discussion section explaining this in more detail (pp16/17).

Point 5: Asking what NB means. Not sure if this is asking to what it refers to in the text, or the meaning of it, so addressed both! NB means 'nota bene' or take special note, and alerts the reader to the fact that the data on trauma symptomatology relates only to those subjects who had PTSD i.e. 20 clients from the 27 in order to distinguish it from that of the total sample. The NB has been omitted, a new paragraph created and a lead in line bolded to read 'please note' in the interests of clarity!

Point 6: the request for index medicus abbreviations. As you know we are unable to do this and have communicated with Biomed and have been advised not to worry about it as Biomed will fix.