Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors,

Further to your email of 10 February 2009, a revised version of the above referenced manuscript has now been submitted. I have listed below responses to the reviewer comments, including references to alterations made in the revised manuscript.

I would also like to thank the reviewers again for their guidance in strengthening the manuscript.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

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REVIEWEW BY UNNI KRISHNAN KARUNAKARA

The potential limitation of data collectors taking 42 minutes to administer the questionnaire items has been noted (page 16, paragraph 1).

The text on differences between female and male exposure to individual trauma events has been removed (page 11, paragraph 2).

Please note that we have not followed the suggestion of including the SF-8 results as this was only a discretionary revision, and we maintain our justification for not including it in our previous response letter.

REVIEWER BY CLAUDIA CATANI

The clarification that the EPI method was the random walk method has been added and the associated references adjusted (page 7, paragraph 1).