Author's response to reviews

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Dear BMC Series Editorial Team,

On behalf of my coauthors and myself, I thank you for accepting our manuscript and providing us with the opportunity to make modifications to our manuscript prior to publication. We have incorporated your requests and are submitting a revised manuscript with track changes. Please also note the updated figure numbers.

Below are the detailed responses to each specific request (in bold and italic).

Sincerely,

Hyman Scott

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Figures have been adjusted to be listed in consecutive order. Specifically, the MSM/non-MSM ratio data (previously figure 3) has been made into two separate figures. These results are now listed in Figure 2 and Figure 4. The formatting of these figures was not changed.

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