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Changes made to requested revisions are in italics below:

Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)

Tables: we are unable to display shading and colours within the tables. Can we therefore ask you to use another method of highlighting the shaded text e.g. by making it bold.

Shading removed

Tables: table 3 has been divided into parts, a and b. It is important that tables are numbered in ascending numerical order: 1, 2 and 3. Please renumber the tables and any references to them in the text. Alternatively, please merge the tables into one larger table.

Table 3 merged into one table.