Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor

Thank you for agreeing to publish our manuscript in your journal. We have made the following changes to the manuscript as directed.

Please find an account of our responses to the change requests that came from the reviewer and the editorial team.

A. Reviewer’s requests

Abstract: Results: ‘….. to offer routine advice’ - changes made.


‘Advising practice’. Second paragraph. In sentence three ‘advice’ is discussed where as in the final sentence ‘prescribing’ is the focus. Use consistent terms - changes made.

Page 10. Attitudes. Delete ‘vast’. Removed


Figures Should bars be filled in? The bars in our original submission were coloured, but these may have got ‘lost in the upload process. We have added some other graphics to make the distinction between study groups in this version.

Table 2 Why the extra column over table 3. We decided in light of the editor’s response to our question about this issue that we had discretion to leave as is.

Table 3. Alignment of text for financial incentive row. Done

B. Editorial requested revisions.

The Editors wish to remind you to correct the text/visual minor points raised by the last reviewer. Please see above.

Country - Please remember to include the country in the affiliation details. Done.

Please remove the highlighting on the post code of the second affiliation. Done.

Figure and table placement text. Please remove the figure and table placement text. Figures and tables will be included in the final version of the manuscript as near as possible to their first mention in the manuscript. Figure and table placement text removed as requested.
References. The reference list should contain all authors’ names, regardless of how many there are. The term et al. should not be used. We could only find one reference containing this error and have amended it.

EndNote or Refman references. If your references are formatted using EndNote or Refman, please make any changes in the EndNote or Refman record, rather than editing the references in the manuscript manually. We do not have access to either pieces of software. The University of Aberdeen uses Reworks. So we have had no choice but to go through and check the references and make changes manually.

Figure title - The image file should not include the title (e.g. Figure 1... etc.) or figure number. The legend and title should be part of the manuscript file after the reference list. The figures are numbered automatically in the order in which they are uploaded. Hopefully, we have made these changes to your satisfaction.

Figures - It is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimise white space around the image. Our online figure cropping guide may be of some help, and can be viewed here: http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/cropping. Again, hopefully the figures are now satisfactory.

Please place figure legends after the reference list. Figures legends have been added as requested.

The Tables have been uploaded as figure files. Please delete them and incorporate the tables into the main manuscript after the reference list and figure legends. Done.

We hope all are satisfactory.

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