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Below is a response to all the formatting changes that had been suggested. Please let us know if any other changes are also required.

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Each section now begins on a separate paragraph.

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The references have now been listed between square brackets and I have tried to assure that they are in ascending order and appear before the full stops etc. Superscript are no longer used.

11. Conclusion -> Conclusions

The change has been made.

12. Conclusions - Please may we suggest that the numbers 1-5 be removed from the Conclusions section.

The numbers have been removed.

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The change has been made.

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17. Table column headings - Please remove the full stop from the column headings. For example,
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