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Dear Sir/Madam

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I am writing to provide a revised manuscript in response to reviewer comments and the email advice from Dr Annabel Phillips, the Senior-Assistant Editor of the BMC-series journals. We are grateful to the reviewers for accepting the manuscript.

We have made the following changes to the manuscript as suggested by Dr Phillips:

1. Added a statement re. ethical considerations in the methods section (the second paragraph on page 10).

2. Revised the manuscript so that it conforms to the BMC journal style.

I hope these changes are satisfactory and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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