Author's response to reviews

Title: Psychological, social and biological determinants of ill health (pSoBid): Study Protocol of a population-based study

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Dear Sir

Re: Psychological, social and biological determinants of ill-health (pSoBid): Study protocol of a population-based study.

We submit for your consideration the revised manuscript as requested. It describes the methods/design, and characteristics of the recruited cohort of a study of the determinants of ill-health in deprived communities in Glasgow. We believe it will be of interest to your Public Health audience because of the potential to use this study protocol to investigate interrelationships between chronic, inflammatory and associated biomarkers (endothelial dysfunction, insulin resistance) and atherosclerosis and mental outlook from a population perspective. Few studies in Public Health, to our knowledge have such a broad ranging approach to investigate the determinants of ill-health in the population.

The following are the revisions made in response to your concerns:

1. All statistical analysis (including figures) has been removed.
2. We have only included the results of the recruitment in the manuscript as suggested by you.
3. We have included the description of the statistical analysis that is being used.
4. The manuscript has been formatted according to the journal style including the references.

Further to your request Re: formatting changes the following changes have been made:

1. The title & Abstract are similar in the manuscript and the submission system
2. The order of the list of authors are the same in the manuscript and the submission system
3. The et al in the references have been replaced by the full list of authors in the reference
4. The title “Figures” has been changed to “Figure legends”
5. The tables have been resized into A4 portrait page
6. The titles in the figures have been removed
7. The Figure 5 in the text has been changed to Figure 3
8. The additional file has been mentioned in the text as requested

We hope this is to your satisfaction.