Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editorial Board

RE: MS: 5693482003579478

Thank you very much for your letter indicating that the reviews have been positive. We thank the reviewer for their detailed and helpful comments and are pleased to submit our responses to the reviewers’ comments as follows:

Major comment

The think aloud study was performed in parallel with the statistical analysis as it was hoped that each would complement the other. This was found to be the case as reported. As suggested, we have now provided illustrations in the discussion as to how the think aloud work has informed us to make modifications to problematic items from the Ab-IAP. This will inform future revisions of the Ab-IAP that we plan to make. However, any revisions of the Ab-IAP will have to also undergo further validation work and statistical analysis and therefore is beyond the reach of this paper.

Minor Comments

Thank you for making useful suggestions to improvements to the paper. All suggestions have now been incorporated into the paper.

Thank you for all your time and attention to this. I look forward to hearing from you with respect to the progress of this resubmission.

Kind regards

Dr Jeremy Horwood