Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Emma, thank you for the opportunity to make the minor changes to our paper, which we resubmit in its (hopefully) final form with this email. We have decided not to make reference to Crombie et al's lifetime prevalence figure, as the reference for this is a paper presented to a conference, for which the abstracts are quite difficult to access, there is usually no peer-reviewing, and the subsequent publication is not usually well regarded as an academic manuscript. We have checked that there is no reference in the text to Crombie's lifetime prevalence estimate, and are certain that the only reference is to her 12 month prevalence estimate, which she has agreed is correct. All other formatting changes have been made, and we need to take advice on whether the figure is sufficiently well cropped for publication. Thanks Karen