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Changes made according editorial formatting request:

- Title page- Please remove the word counts from the title page: done

- Abstract - Abstracts must be structured into Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Done
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- References - Citations in the reference list should not contain the suffix et al. but list all named authors, regardless of how many there are: done (references 6,17,28,56,61,93,95)

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So far all changes made to adapt the format.