Author's response to reviews

Title: The Hall Technique: A Randomized Controlled Clinical Trial of a Novel Method of Managing Carious Primary Molars in General Dental Practice; Acceptability of the Technique and outcomes at 23 months

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Reviewer's report
Title: The Hall Technique; a randomised control clinical trial of a novel method of managing carious primary molars in general dental practice: outcomes at two years.
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Reviewer: Wil Sanden
Reviewer's report:
1- The Abstract/Summary is missing
This has been added into the main body of the manuscript

2- Figure 1, photograph #2; please add in text:"glass ionomer luting" before "cement", just to avoid any misinterpretation.
This has been done

3- Page 13, last sentence: please add “Figure” between “see” and “11”.
This has been done

4- Discussion on the aesthetics of the crown, just half a sentence, is possible on page 29, by adding, after “The use of the Hall... every child or every GDP”: The aesthetics of the crown could be a point of discussion.
The sentence: “For example, the aesthetics of the crown could be a point of discussion” has been added after the sentence beginning “The use of the Hall...” on page 29

Editors Comments
1- Please provide an abstract in the main manuscript file
This has been done

2- Please document the type of consent (verbal or written) obtained from the participants of the study. All children who participated should have had parental consent, therefore, please also ensure that this is stated in the consent section of the manuscript.
The sentence dealing with consent in the material and methods section of the paper has been expanded, as follows:
Written and verbal consent from parents and, where appropriate, the children, was obtained, following a minimum 24 hours “cooling off” period between their being given information, and consent being obtained.