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Dear Editors

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Response to reviewer comments 24th April 2009

Thank you for the second set of reviewer comments. In response to your query, in order to remove the confusion we have taken out reference to number of problems compared between the palliative-appropriate and the not appropriate groups. As this does not affect the main findings or the abstract, and more importantly as these data did not inform the proposed referral criteria, we agree that it makes the paper clearer.

Thank you for your re-review.