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Title: A randomized, controlled cross-over trial of lavender (Lavandula angustifolia) oil as a treatment of agitated behaviour in dementia

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Dear Dr Rowles,

Thank you for your emailed request of 5 February 2013 that we simplify our text.

In the abstract, we now state that lavender had no discernible effects on behaviour or affect (page 2).

In the results section, we make this point at the outset and present time effects as a secondary issue (page 10, para 2).

In the discussion, we now simply the issue of time effects (page 11, para 1) and we have shortened discussion of statistical power. There is not the slightest suggestion in the raw data that lavender had a greater or lesser effect on behaviour or affect than the control oil, suggesting that power was not a limiting factor (page 11, para 3).

We hope that the power is now much easier to read and understand.

With thanks,

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