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Thank you for reviewing this manuscript and for the comments received from Heather Boon. We have now addressed all comments raised by the reviewer.

Major compulsory revisions
1. We recognize the importance of the need to examine whether our study respondents are different to non responders. We have provided published demographic data from the only other Australian study of naturopaths. This data has been included in the Table 1 and in the results section of the text. Data on gender, education and age were the variables we were able to include for comparison.
2. Self reports of naturopathic behaviour. Thank you for raising this important point. We have been through the paper and paid careful attention to emphasis this in the results and discussion section of the paper. We have discussed the limitation of the self reported nature of the questionnaire and potential bias in more depth in the discussion and commented on the need for further research in this important area.
3. Details on the sample size calculation are provided as well as the power.
4. We have removed reference to our former suggestion that patients purchase produce from this clinic. As has been highlighted although this maybe safer we do not have data to support this suggestion. We have continued with a recommendation that improvements are made to labeling however, we have also indicated some problems that can happen if product is purchased from another source.

Minor revisions
This sentence has been removed from the abstract and discussion (see point 5 above).

Discretionary revision
Additional contextual material on the regulation and training of naturopaths has been included in the introduction as suggested.

We hope our revisions meet your satisfaction and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards

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