Author’s response to reviews

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Dear editor

I have made the following changes or responses as outlined below

Formatting changes to be made:

Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)

Author list: the list of authors in the manuscript should be written exactly as they are in the submission system, both in style and order. The preferred style is 'First name Initial Last name' (e.g. Joe F Bloggs) 'Rhonda Craven' in the manuscript, 'Rhonda G Craven' in the submission system.

My apologies. I had seen this but did not go back to correct it.

Structure: this manuscript does not have the correct structure. Please reformat it to use these headings:
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Our paper reports two related but separate projects and does not fit the above model. We have structured each study with that format but the overall paper would become unreadable if we are forced to fit with that model.

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I have corrected that superscript and two others. The 30 between 38 and 39 refers to a page number. To make it clearer I have changed it to read 430.

Minor revisions (we can make these changes for you, although it will speed up publication of your manuscript if you do them while making the major changes above)

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