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Dear Mr Aldcroft


Thank you for your email dated 5 August 2010, addressed to Ingrid Flight, in which you requested that we make certain modifications to our manuscript before any offer of formal acceptance to publish our protocol. Your requirements, and our responses, are itemised below. We have revised the manuscript to take those requirements into account, and as requested have indicated the revised text with ‘tracked changes’. You will see that in addition to the requested revisions there are some minor amendments, also indicated with tracked changes.

1. Please format your study protocol, specifically your abstract, as prescribed in our Instructions for Authors
The abstract has been re-written to comply with your Instructions to Authors (pp. 2–3 of revised manuscript).

2. Please indicate in your manuscript whether you will be obtaining informed consent from your study’s participants.
We have indicated in the revised manuscript that on two occasions (initial contact to check for eligibility and subsequent request to complete a baseline survey) potential participants will receive an information sheet containing details of the study and its requirements, with an opportunity to opt out at each time (pp. 8–9). Completion of the baseline survey will be taken to indicate informed consent to participation.

3. Please remove the proofs as additional files from your manuscript as we do not wish these documents to be publicly accessible.
The documents indicating Ethics Committee approval and funding approval have been removed from your web site, as requested.
We trust that the revised manuscript meets your requirements, and look forward to receiving your decision.

Thank you for your attention.

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