Author's response to reviews

Title: ExaCT: automatic extraction of clinical trial characteristics from journal publications

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Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find a revised version of our manuscript "ExaCT: automatic extraction of clinical trial characteristics from journal publications". The manuscript has been modified to fully address the additional comments made by Reviewer 2. The changes have been highlighted in the text of the manuscript.

Reviewer 2 requested additional discussion in the article on:
1. Current limitations
   The Discussion section of the manuscript has been extended and a separate subsection Limitations has been added (pp. 23-27).

2. Related work
   The part on the related work in the Background section (p. 6) has been extended with a discussion on the relations between the information extraction and the rhetorical structure identification tasks. Three references have been added.

3. Section boundary detection
   The Pre-processing subsection of the Methods section (p.11) has been extended with the description of the section boundary detection algorithm employed in the current work and a short discussion on its importance in the overall framework.

Reviewer 1 had no further comments on the previous version of the manuscript.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

For the authors,

Dr. Svetlana Kiritchenko