Author's response to reviews

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Reviewer 1 (Peter Bower)
- We have included the reference to the paper by Ram, which proves the reliability of the MAAS rating by one rater (ref 11). We omitted the previous ref 12 (unpublished paper by Elwyn).
- We corrected the alpha level, which was 0.05 (0.08 was a mistake).

Reviewer 2 (Nicky Britten)
- We are happy to accept any language improvements.
- We have included in par 2 under Measurements: "The raters were unaware ... AT THE TIME OF THE RATING"
- We have included a reference to figure 2 under results, hypothesis 2: Figures 1 and 2 .... (instead of figure 1)