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Thank you for your notification that the manuscript has been accepted for publication on the condition that the changes suggested are completed. We have now amended the manuscript as you instructed in your email message of 9 July 2010. The major revisions are detailed below.

1. Each affiliation for the authors is written in full in the format requested.
2. The abstract matches that in the submission system.
3. The tables have been renamed as requested so that they are now Tables 1 to 4.
4. Tables mistakenly uploaded as figure files have been removed.
5. All references to Tables in the text have been checked and correspond with labelling.

Minor revisions have been completed as requested:

1. Authors’ qualifications and job titles have been removed.
2. Tracking has been deleted.
3. “Introduction” has been replaced with “Background”.
4. Visible vertical lines have been removed from tables.
5. Tables have been recreated without merged cells where merged cell crosses rows.
6. References 31, 45 and 56 have been amended.
7. Additional files 1 and 2 have been removed.
8. The manuscript has been checked for typographical errors.

Thank you for the opportunity to revise the manuscript based on the final comments. I have pleasure in submitting the revised manuscript for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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