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1. Author affiliations written in full.
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3. Table 3 merged into 1 large table.
4. Appendixes re-uploaded as 'additional files' (and re-named in text).
5. Highlighting and trackings removed from manuscript.
6. Authors' qualifications and word count removed from manuscript.
7. 'Design' section renamed to 'Methods'; 'Introduction' section renamed to 'Background.'
8. Conclusion section added to end of main text.
9. Reference list updated to contain full author list.
10. Removed visible vertical lines from tables.
11. Figures updated (and re-uploaded) to minimize white space and converted to proper format/resolution.
12. Minor editing (typography) changes to manuscript in various places.