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Dear Madam/Sir,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit a revised version prior to the peer review process of the following manuscript:

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In your e-mail from the 28th October 2011, you requested to include a statement on the Ethics:

Ethics: Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

In response to this request, the following paragraph was added at the end of the Methods section:

**Ethical approval.** This research was approved by the Faculty of Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee of the University of Pretoria, South Africa (Protocol number 75/2011) and conducted in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration. Facilities evaluated have been encoded to assure confidentiality and anonymity.
If you wish, I can provide you with a copy of the approval letter of the Faculty of Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee of the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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