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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Response to reviewer’s comments dated 5 August 2014

Once again we are indebted to Dr Stewart for her comments from her review report dated 5 August 2014. We have addressed the minor issues that Dr Stewart has flagged up:

Data analysis section - need to add appendix number.
*The appendix number 1 has been added.*

Results section
First paragraph describing questionnaire study results should read: were complete BY doctors.
Summary of responses to question 13 - general comments. Third line should read ‘though some replied that rural inhabitants’ or ‘though some respondents thought that’
*This has been corrected as recommended. We have changed the line to read ‘though some replied that rural inhabitants’.*

With regard to ethics approval, the whole study including questionnaire section was reviewed by the local Research and Development department at George Eliot Hospital. It was considered an audit of care quality and an implementation process of good practice. Ethical approval was deemed not necessary following consultation.
*I have changed part of the methods section to include ‘All components of the study were considered by the Research and Development department at George Eliot Hospital to be an audit of care quality and implementation of good practice guidelines such as those from the EASD, ADA, and IDF. Ethical approval was therefore not deemed necessary following this advice and consultation.’*
Yours sincerely,