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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your email in relation to the above manuscript. We are happy that you consider the referees’ comments to have been satisfactorily addressed.

You requested some additional formatting changes and I confirm that the following changes have been made and the manuscript checked for typing errors:

- The word ‘Ireland’ has been added to all authors’ affiliations and any full stops at the end of the addresses have been removed.
- All unnecessary capitals have been removed from section headings.
- References cited within the text, using consecutive numbers within square brackets, have been placed before full stops at the ends of sentences and before commas within sentences.
- In the reference list, the journal references have been changed to your preferred style.
- ‘Et al’ has been replaced with any names not previously included in the author list in the references.
- Medline abbreviations have been used for journal titles. Please note that the National Library of Medicine gives two alternative Medline abbreviations for the British Medical Journal (Br Med J and BMJ). In this instance we have used ‘BMJ’.
- Figures 1 and 2 have been cropped and saved as PowerPoint files.

We hope that the manuscript is now formatted as required.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Deirdre Handy (on behalf of co-authors)