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Statements to reviewers' reports

Reviewer 1, Dr. Doris Young mentioned some little typos. Once again we read the text carefully and corrected some typos.

Reviewer 2, Dr. Steve Kisely mentioned some minor revisions:

1. We skipped the last 4 sentences in the introduction section.
2. We added the description in the methods section, how the questionnaire was developed (last sentences of methods section)
3. We changed "very agree" to "strongly agree" in the text as well as in the tables, as required by the reviewer. We mentioned in the methods section why we used "agree" as a cut off.

By following the reviewers’ comments the quality of our paper increased significantly. We would like to thank the reviewers for there time and helpful comments.