Author's response to reviews

Title: Socioeconomic status and exposure to disinfection by-products in drinking water in Spain

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Dear,

Please find below the formatting requests and the corresponding point-by-point response. The revised manuscript with the “tracked changes” will be sent accordingly.

Sincerely,
Gemma Castaño-Vinyals

**Formatting requests**

- On the title page remove the phrase title page and only the first letter of the first word in the title and the headings should be capitalized. All the heading should also be the same size font. Response: The phrase title page has been removed and the title and headings changed according to the instructions.

- In the abstract, the headings Background, Methods, etc. should appear above the text and the period removed.
  Response: the formatting of the abstract has been modified to include the correct headings.

- Sequential references of three or more numbers should be written as [5-7].
  Response: all references have been revised and modified.

- All italicized text (except in the references where instructed) should be changed to normal.
  Response: the italicized text has been changed to normal.

- A List of abbreviations should be inserted above the Competing interests section in the format of abbreviation:text and separating the pairs with semi-colons.
  Response: a list of abbreviations has been inserted.

- The proper phrasing for the Competing interests section can be found in the Instructions for Authors.
  Response: The section of Competing interests has been modified according to the instructions.

- The Participating study centres in Spain information should be included in a new section titled Authors' information and inserted before the Acknowledgements. Please see the Instructions for authors for more details.
  Response: The new sections Authors’ information has been added in the text, and all the information about the participating study centres moved to this section.

- In the references, the space between the heading and first reference should be removed and a full page reference entered for reference #9.
  Response: all references have been revised to comply with the requirements.
- All the horizontal lines should be visible in the tables and whenever possible, the tables should fit on one page.
Response: horizontal lines have been added to the tables, and they fit in one page.