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In your email you state you have removed the figures and presented them as lists of text. Personally I think these 'lists of texts' read much better when presented in a table, and also nicely break up the otherwise long sections of text. However you are the formatters and I bow to your opinion and am happy for you to proceed as you think.

The 6 lines starting 'Non-Randomised Studies: Data on potential confounders..." which form part of the Methods Section were, awkwardly in my opinion, sitting between the 'Data Extraction: Characteristics which determine the effectiveness of CHW Programmes' list of text and 'Data extracted on potential confounders' list of text.

For better continuity I think these 6 lines should immediately follow the sentence "Randomised Controlled Trials: RCTs were assessed..", which falls under the heading 'Assessment of risk of bias'. So I have cut and pasted these lines to this location.