Author’s response to reviews

**Title:** A randomized, placebo-controlled trial of prednisone in early Henoch Schonlein Purpura [ISRCTN85109383]

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PDF covering letter
To the Editors and Reviewers:

We were thrilled to hear that our manuscript, named above, was provisionally accepted for publication. Thank you for the opportunity to further improve the manuscript. The following changes have been made.

1. At the request of reviewer #2, the additional reference (Calvino et al) has been added, with clinical detail as suggested (page 3, para 3).
2. As noted by reviewer #2, there was an error in the abstract. Placebo has been replaced by prednisone (page 2, last sentence of Results).
3. Formatting changes have been made as requested by the editors
   a. ISRCTN has been obtained, and added to the title
   b. Capitalization has been removed from the title
   c. Author’s qualifications have been removed from the title page
   d. Affiliation #2 has been clarified
   e. Sections of the abstract have been renamed to conform to the journal standard.
      2 additional sentences have been added to the beginning of the abstract to provide background.
   f. The background section is now titled. All sections have had the fonts of the titles enlarged as requested.
   g. Discussion and Conclusions have been separated as requested.
   h. The figure title is provided. No legend is provided as there is no other information that accompanies the figure.
   i. All tables have been reformatted such that the borders are visible black lines. All table were created with cells.
   j. The figure has been cropped as much as I am able—there is still extra white at the top of the figure which I am unable to remove.

I hope that these revisions address any concerns that have been raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any additional concerns.

With regards

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