Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor:

Please find below the answers to the Reviewer’s comments.

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Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Charlie Goldsmith

Reviewer’s report:
For the most part, the replies provided by the authors were handled quite well and were incorporated into the revised manuscript. However, some were not.

1. Previous comment 15. Suggest incorporating the last sentence and website in the manuscript as it provides a level of credibility that is not currently in the manuscript, ie, [CHaRT is ... to the website].

   We agree and we have added the website (http://viis.abdn.ac.uk/HSRU/chart)

2. Previous comment 17 was NOT done and should be.

   Sorry for not clarifying this issue. Range is the term used by clinicians. Rather than interval we would propose to use the following: “…a target IOP between 15-20 mmHg”

Suggestions on the revised manuscript.
3. Title page under Current status. Suggest rewriting the last date as either [08-January-2009] or [01-August-2009] to correspond to the earlier date on the same line; whichever is correct.
   Corrected

4. P(age) 2, p(aragraph) 1, l(ine) 12. Put the comma between the reference citations on the same line as the reference numbers.
   Corrected

5. P 3, p 4, l 1. Replace [hypothesis] by [hypotheses] since there are 3 of them.
   Corrected

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7. P 5, p 2, l 2,3. Suggest providing citations to these two agencies and a website for each if possible.
   Added:
   http://www.nres.npsa.nhs.uk/
   http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/

8. P 6, p 4, l 10. Why not add this NICE reference to the reference list?
   Added

9. P 7, p 4, l 5. Insert a space between [at] and [stricter].
   Corrected

10. P 7, p 6, l 1. Replace [population] by [patient], since you will not likely get all patients to consent!
    Replaced

    Corrected

12. P 9, under Trial steering committee l 1. Suggest making [chair] into [Chair] and P 17 Appendix 4, last p suggest replacing [Chairman] by [Chair] to be consistent and gender neutral.
    Corrected

13. P 16, p 1, l 2. Suggest inserting [a] between [as] and [population] or making [survey] plural to read [surveys].
    Corrected

   We think “range” is the most commonly used term for describing the possible scores of EQ-5D and would prefer not to replace it by “interval”. We hope this is acceptable.