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Thank you very much for the opportunity to respond to the requested formatting changes. Respectfully, we would like to request that the article not be required to conform to the usual structure for a research article. While appropriate for most research articles, this structure is not appropriate for an ethical analysis. The two ethical analyses published by Trials to date in this series did not use the requested structure (Trials 2011; 12: 100 and Trials 2011: 12: 118). For the same reason, we request that the abstract not be structured. The word count of the abstract currently is less than 350 words. As requested, we have changed the Box to a Table. The text has been changed to reflect this. Finally, we have checked the text once again for typographical errors.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Weijer.