Author's response to reviews

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Dear sirs,

We would like to thank the reviewer for all the constructive comments to improve our manuscript.

The manuscript has been revised according to the reviewers’ comments as follows:
1) our responses/explanations are presented in italics below the reviewers’ comments.
2) we have added new version of our revised manuscript that includes all the amendments highlighted in yellow.

# Editorial board:
1) Please mention each author individually in your Authors? Contributions section. We suggest the following kind of format (please use initials to refer to each author’s contribution): AB carried out the molecular genetic studies, participated in the sequence alignment and drafted the manuscript. JY carried out the immunoassays. MT participated in the sequence alignment. ES participated in the design of the study and performed the statistical analysis. FG conceived of the study, and participated in its design and coordination and helped to draft the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.?

We changed this according to the example provided.

# Reviewer 1:
1. The intent of the recommendation about CONSORT was to provide the reference and state that it would be followed when the trial is reported.

   We added a sentence that all data in the final publication of the trial, including the flow diagram of the progress of participants through the phases of the trial, will be reported according to the CONSORT 2010 statement.

2. P(age) 5, p(aragraph) 4, l(ine) 2. Delete [s] from [believes] to read [believe].

   We changed this.

3. P 14, p 1, l 2. Insert [)] after [[81]].

   We changed this, but added the bracket after reference [82].


   We removed the words [means of].

5. P 16, p 3, l 4. If there was one focus group, insert [a] after the first [on].

   There were more focus groups, therefore we changed this into the plural form.

6. For all the R(eference)s where there is a translated title, the language should be written at the end of the citation, not after the translation. See P 20, R 6, 14,17; P 21, R 36, 40; P 23, R 76.

   We changed this in all references.

7. P 20, R 9 is still incomplete. Also P 22, R 47.

   These references are e-publications ahead of print, therefore we added: [epub ahead of print].
8. P 21, R 40. Who produced this R
   We added the publisher.

9. P 22, R 55. Include the phrase: date of last access Also date and phrase for P 23, R 70.
   We have changed this.

10. P 22, R 59. Periods are not needed after the initials.
    We deleted these semicolons.

11. P 26, Table 3, 14th dash. Should there be an n in the first word: Alternation, as it seems it should be: Alteration. This was in the last list as well.
    We changed this and made our phrase more clear: [Alteration / variation / variety at work].