Author's response to reviews

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To reviewers/Editors:

Thank you very much for your comments. I'm so sorry to make the replies hard to follow. Please accept my apologies for the thoughtless of the cover letter. After correcting in last review, I found some number in the manuscript had been changed. I thought it would a little hard to find out the changes. So I wrote two cover letters. One is giving a point-to-point response to the concerns; another is letter of all change in my revision manuscript according to the new numbers. I also highlight all the changes in my manuscript to make it easier to editors to find out them. I still make it hard to follow. This time I will consider it much more carefully, not to may it hard to follow again.

1. There was no justification for removing one author and adding 3 new ones at this stage. The summary of author contributions was too little to justify this change.

Answer: I explained this in the email send on 5 June 2014. It still was my fault to add a wrong author list in the last round review.

2. Email addresses should be provided for all authors.

Answer: Email addresses for all authors:

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3. P 3, p(agraph) 1, l(ine) 2. Replace [C_MMASS] by [C-MMASS].
   Answer: [General Hospital acupuncture sensation scale (C_MMASS).]
   replaced by [General Hospital acupuncture sensation scale (C-MMASS).]

4. P 3, p 1, l 10. Add an [s] to read [results].
   Answer: [analysis will be performed to test and verify the result in this...] replaced by [analysis will be performed to test and verify the results in this...]

5. P 3, p 3, l 3. Delete the date of approval and add the date the first patient was randomized.
   Answer: [registered on August 16 2013, and approved on September 16 2013.] replaced by [registered on August 16 2013, and the first patient was randomized on September 27 2013.]

6. P 5, p 1, l 10 and 18. What was the symbol after [acupoints] and
after [that].
Answer: Acutely, it’s P 5, p 2, l 3 and 11. The symbol after [acupoints] was em dash. Rewrite it as [acupoints—]. The symbol after [that] was an incorrect format. Rewrite it as [it is advised that:‘’].

7. P 14, p 1, l 8. What is the symbol between [4] and [8]?
Answer: The symbol was an incorrect format. Rewrite it as [4,8].

8. P 14, p 2, l 6. Rewrite the two [-]s by [=] signs.
Answer: The hole formula was rewritten as:

\[
n_1 = n_2 = \frac{Z_a \sqrt{2 \pi_1 (1 - \pi_1)} + Z_\beta \sqrt{\pi_1 (1 - \pi_1) + \pi_2 (1 - \pi_2)}}{\pi_1 - \pi_2}
\]

This formula was written in software named math type.

Answer: Rewrite [Statistical analyse] as [Statistical Analysis].

Answer: Added [AIDS: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome] before VAS.

11. P 17, p 5, l 3. What is the symbol after [Medicine]?
Answer: The symbol after [Medicine] was a comma.

12. P 20, Reference 19, l 1. Is [[J]] part of the title?
Answer: The [[J]] wasn’t the part of the title. I deleted it.