Author's response to reviews

Title: The effectiveness of salicylic acid plasters compared with 'usual' scalpel debridement of corns: a randomised controlled trial

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Dear Editor,

I am submitting a revised paper based on your comments. Please see below for a point by point response to the changes that have been made:

1. The abstract has been reformatted to be consistent with JFAR guidelines.
2. Headings have been reformatted to be consistent with JFAR heading hierarchy.
3. References have been reformatted to be consistent with JFAR guidelines.
4. Sentences have been checked throughout the manuscript to end with a full stop.
5. The word “prospective” has been removed as a description of the trial.
6. A statement has been added in the methods section regarding ethics and other required approvals which were needed prior to commencement of the trial.
7. More information has been given on the randomisation procedure.
8. The 100 mm VAS was used in the study and has been made explicit throughout the text.
9. The wording has been altered where necessary to the past tense.
10. References to the Tables and Figures have been re-positioned to where they are referred to the first time in the text.
11. Consistent decimal places for all p-values have been added.
12. The term “health-related quality of life” has been added to replace “quality of life” throughout the text.
13. All abbreviated measurements have been reformatted.
14. Tables have been altered where “n” is for group size and “N” is to indicate overall sample size.
15. Table 2 heading has been re-worded to indicate past tense.
16. Figure 3 heading has been altered to include that the values are means and standard errors.
17. A revised CONSORT checklist has been attached to reflect changes to the manuscript.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

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