Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

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3) Please remove the section "Funding" and detail funding in the Acknowledgments section

The ‘Funding’ section has been moved to the Acknowledgements section.

In addition the following changes have been made

4) Line 54 ‘98/541’ has been changed to ‘97/541’ the words ‘Although only’ have been removed and the sentence now reads as - ‘144 patients were recruited who had 541 eligible relatives; 97/541 (18%) of relatives agreed to participate.’

5) Lines 160-163 have been changed to read - Patients were randomly allocated to provide either the ‘intervention’ or the ‘control’ information packs to all of their participating first degree relatives. Packs were given by the research nurse to the patients, who then distributed them to relatives whilst still in hospital or posted them to relatives at a later date.

6) Line 259 ‘ninety eight’ has been changed to ‘ninety seven’.

Regards

Prof Nigel Stocks