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Dear Editor,

Thank-you for your email indicating several necessary changes to the manuscript. My point-by-point response is as follows:

1) Line numbering and page numbering has been added
2) Details of both ethics committees (and protocol numbers) have been added to the methods section
3) The competing interests section was already after the conclusions
4) The author contributions is after the competing interests section, and is as you have recommended
5) There were no specific acknowledgements, and therefore there is not an acknowledgements section
6) All authors email addresses have been added to the title page.

I hope you are now able to proceed with peer review.

Yours sincerely,