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1. Please include the email addresses of all authors on the title page of your manuscript.

Response 1. The e-mail addresses of all the authors have now been included in the title page of the manuscript.

2. As indicated by our submission guidelines, please format your abstract to include the following subheadings: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions.

Response 2. As indicated in the submission guidelines the abstract has been now edited and the title "Objectives" has now been removed from the abstract text.

3. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works. This overlap mainly exists in the Methods section (lines 5-12 on page 4; lines 1-21 on page 5; lines 1-5 on page 6).

Response 3. The previous submission has now been corrected and the methods section has been re-phrased to minimise the overlaps with our previous publication. Please see Methods section in the revised manuscript.