Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

In this 4th revision of our manuscript we have incorporated all requests from your email of 24/09/2015. Please find a point-by point reply below. Apologies for the delay.

Kind regards, on behalf of all authors,

Job van Exel

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   For clarification, we have added the following statement to the ‘Ethics Approval’ section: “In conformity with these codes, informal carers provided informed consent by returning the questionnaire”.