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Editor comments:

Editor: 1) As indicated by our submission guidelines, please include a Conclusions heading in the text of your manuscript, as both a Conclusion and a Discussion section should be provided. You may consider placing it before the last paragraph of the Discussion section.

AUTHORS’ RESPONSE: We have now included a “Conclusions” subheading preceding the final paragraph as suggested.

Editor: 2) Please provide a List of abbreviations after the Conclusions section. If abbreviations are used in the text, they should be defined in the text at first use and included in this list.

AUTHORS’ RESPONSE: We have now included the following abbreviations after the Conclusions section:
Editor: 3) Please consolidate your “Ethics approval” and “Consent to participate” statements so that they appear under a single “Ethics approval and consent to participate” heading.

AUTHORS’ RESPONSE: Thank you for clarifying this. We have now consolidated the two statements so that they appear under the heading “Ethics approval and consent to participate”.

Editor: 4) Thank you for including a Funding heading for the Declarations section. Please also state the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript. Please note that the role of the funding body specifies any function beyond the direct funding of aspects of the research or presentation of the manuscript.

AUTHORS’ RESPONSE: We have now revised the Funding section to include a statement of the roles of the funding bodies.

In light of the fact that the “role of the funding body specifies any function beyond the direct funding of aspects of the research or presentation of the manuscript” we have also included an additional funding declaration pertaining to a Defence Health Foundation grant which supported a broader study of which the current project is a part. Thus, the Funding declaration now reads:

“Preparation of this paper was supported by a National Health and Medical Research Council Early Career (NHMRC) Fellowship (GNT1122203) awarded to DB and an establishment grant from the Defence Health Foundation awarded to DB and ZS. These funding bodies provided funding for the investigators and study but had no role in the design of the study, data collection, data analysis, interpretation of data, or in the writing or revision of the manuscript.”

Editor: 5) Please remove the cover letter, the copy of the manuscript with tracked changes and the response to reviewers from the file inventory, as they are no longer needed at this stage of the editorial process.

AUTHORS’ RESPONSE: Thank you – we have now removed these files as requested.
Editor: 6) When submitting your revised manuscript please ensure you do so as a single clean copy without any tracked changes, colored or highlighted text, as these are no longer required at this stage of the editorial process.

AUTHORS’ RESPONSE: We have now submitted a single clean copy of the manuscript without tracked changes or highlighting as requested.