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I enjoyed reading the manuscript and the further references are useful....thank you. In terms of methodology, it would be good to include a table as supplementary information to explain to the reader the difference between the groups of review type of the material (soft ware test vs human readability test) vs the two versions of lay summary that were written. Please include the reviewer numbers.

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