Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for your invitation to submit a second revision of the above article.

In response to the comments from the Editorial Office:

1. The date of registration of the study on clinicaltrials.gov has been added to the abstract. Registration was completed 7 days after recruitment of the first participant. As this study was not a clinical trial it was not mandatory to register in a public database prior to recruitment of the first participant. However, at the recommendation of the ethical committee, the study was registered within the 6 week period after recruitment of the first participant as stipulated by national research guidelines in force at the time the study was conducted.

2. The ‘Consent for publication’ declaration has been reworded to ‘Not applicable’.

3. An additional line has been added to the ‘Funding’ declaration to confirm that the funding bodies had no role in any part of study design, data collection, data analysis, data interpretation or writing of the manuscript.
4. A ‘Supplementary files’ section has been added to the manuscript (page 23) to provide
the information requested.

5. The spelling of the surname for the final author (Ben Thompson) has been corrected on
the online submission system.

I hope that this revision meets with your approval for publication.

With best wishes,

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