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July 23, 2014 Changes to submission in accordance with the formatting requirements for research article and editorial policies:

1. Abstract was revised to clearly label all sections (background, methods, results, discussion, conclusions) as required.
2. Main sections in the manuscript are present and clearly labelled as required. Titles of sub-sections were retained to improve readability and flow of argumentation.
3. No list of abbreviations required.
4. Ethical approval and consent: this is second order research – a metamethod – a systematic analysis of published journal articles. It does not involve research involving human subjects, human material, or human data. Therefore, this submission does not require institutional ethics approval and consent.
5. Standards of reporting: Qualitative research review guidelines (RATS) were reviewed and all elements appropriate to a metamethod are included in the manuscript.
6. Data and material release: The data set for a metamethod are published journal articles. Full citation information as well as search terms and the data analysis tool are included in the manuscript making the study process transparent and reproducible.
7. Continuous line numbering was added.
8. Page breaks were removed. Endnotes, reference list and the three tables are started on new pages as required using hard returns.
9. Each of the three tables is less than 2 pages and is included at the end of the manuscript.