Dear Prof. Taylor and colleagues,

Following on from our email exchange the other week I’m writing regarding your resubmitted manuscript to The BMJ. My colleague Diana Lucifero has recently left The BMJ and I’ve taken on your manuscript. As I mentioned in my previous email we’re sorry about the delay in getting back to you.

I’ve attached a tracked changes version of your manuscript where I’ve made some edits to your article and have included requests and queries using the comment function in Word. Most of my edits are intended to improve the flow of the article and clarify potentially confusing sections for readers. However, I’d ask that you check changes I’ve made carefully to ensure that I haven’t corrupted your meaning.

You'll see that I’ve substantially restructured the opening of the article where the tone of the introduction was a little too conversational for The BMJ’s style and more importantly it was quite hard to follow for the reader as the narrative moved back and forth across time and studies. The structure we’re suggesting follows a chronological order that is easier for readers to track starting with the original Twin Cycle Hypothesis, explaining the subsequent studies and then summing up the current understanding regarding T2DM and remission.

Elsewhere in the manuscript some information is missing for readers or inferred and I’ve hopefully been able to identify what isn’t clear. Given that the author teams know and understand the background references in minute detail, it can be hard to see the information that is missing for readers who don’t know the literature in the same depth.

If you could take a look at the changes and accept those that you are happy with and respond to any queries either with changes in the text with tracked changes on or with a comments that would be very helpful.

We hope that you will be willing to revise your manuscript and submit it within 4-6 weeks. We would still like the manuscript to remain as concise as possible but I appreciate that I’ve requested further details in some sections.

I should also note that I’m expecting to take some parental leave at the beginning of April, we’re expecting our first child. So there may be a delay if your manuscript resubmission and the baby coincide. However, I’ll do my best to pick up your manuscript on my return if that does happen. I hope it won’t delay things substantially.

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I hope you will find the comments useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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