Author’s response to reviews

Title: Developing quality indicators for the care of patients with musculoskeletal injuries in the Emergency Department: Study protocol

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Dear Guangde Tu,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding our recently submitted manuscript "Developing quality indicators for the care of patients with musculoskeletal injuries in the Emergency Department: Study protocol" (EMMD-D-17-00027).

In response to the Editor’s comments:

1. The dates of each phase have now been incorporated into the main manuscript, under the heading for each phase.

2. The ethical and funding approval documentation will be emailed to the supplied address today.

3. We can confirm that this study protocol has undergone a peer-review process resulting in the successful acquisition of funding by two external funding sources - the Emergency Medicine Foundation, and the Allied Health Professions' Office of Queensland.

4. This protocol is ongoing and is currently in Phase 3.
5. Phase 1 has been published. The methodology for the literature reviews, and the literature review for management of low back pain from Phase 2 have been submitted to a journal for publication and are awaiting acceptance. These titles are:


- Strudwick K, McPhee M, Martin-Khan M, Bell A, Russell T: Methodology for a ‘Rapid Review’ series on musculoskeletal injuries in the Emergency Department. (Submitted to Emergency Medicine Australasia; awaiting decision)


Regards,

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