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Dear Editors

RE: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF PATIENT REPORTED FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH UPTAKE AND COMPLETION OF CARDIOVASCULAR LIFESTYLE BEHAVIOUR CHANGE.

Thank you for your helpful feedback on our submitted manuscript. We have read the reviewers’ comments and the suggestion to conform to the MOOSE guidelines for systematic reviews and respond as follows:

MOOSE guidelines:
We have added extra statements to demonstrate how we comply with the guidelines (see highlighted text) specifically relating to a statement of hypothesis, generalisability of findings, and assessment of publication bias. The latter two appear in the strengths and limitations paragraphs of the discussion section rather than the conclusion section.

The guidelines also suggest that we include in the Search section the results of the search. We have included this in the Results section and would request that it remains there as moving this section of text would involve changing all the referencing for Tables 2, 3, 5 and 6. These references were put in manually to avoid formatting imposed by the citation software.

Review specific comments:
No references beyond 2009. The electronic searching of databases occurred very in early 2010 and although we did have some hits from these for 2010, none were found to be relevant.

Table 1 – define RCT – this is done
Table 1 – clarify rest of Europe – this is done
More detail about comparison with existing literature – this is done.
Extending the main findings – this is done.

I hope our responses meet with your approval and we look forward to hearing the outcome in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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