Author's response to reviews

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Your mail from 9.09 2008:

I am writing to you regarding your manuscript submitted to BMC Cardiovascular Disorders. As you know, the referees had differences in their recommendations for your manuscript and as such we were unable to make a decision on your manuscript based on the reports that we had. For this reason we sought additional advice from our Editorial Board. We have now received this advice and it is pasted below:

"Major revisions
1. Montreuil B et al Can J Surg 2008 and Kim LG et al Ann Int Med 2007 papers need to be included in the review of the literature. A review of the literature is useless if proper methodology is not followed in choosing which papers to include and which to exclude.

Minor revisions
2. Spelling and grammatical errors still abound.

I also noticed a mismatch between the year of the Kim reference in Table 1 and the year of the Kim reference in reference 15.

If the authors elect not to address item #1 in their next revision, then the paper should be rejected. If they address this point, then the paper can be accepted."

We would be grateful if you could address the comments in a revised manuscript and provide a cover letter giving a point-by-point response to the concerns. Once these changes have been made, we will consider that your manuscript is acceptable for publication.

Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style (http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/medicine_journals). It is important that your files are correctly formatted.

Answer:

Ad 1. The two articles have now been included in the review. We have made a number of smaller changes accordingly. Table 1 and the reference list have been updated.

Ad 2. Hopefully we have now erased all the spelling and grammatical errors. We have used International Science Editing as you recommended. We have copied the format from your manuscript template to the revised article.