Author's response to reviews

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Dear Mr Aldcroft

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How to do a grounded theory study: a worked example.  
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We are delighted to have your in-principle acceptance of the above manuscript for publication in BMC Medical Research Methodology.

As requested, we have improved the manuscript in response to the comments made by the reviewers.

We have also changed the headings throughout to fit a Type 3 correspondence piece.

We note that the instructions for Correspondence Type 3 articles specify that there should be only 10 references. We have 40 references in the manuscript. While we believe that they are all relevant and would prefer to include them all, we would appreciate your guidance on whether this is possible.

Below are our responses to the referee’s comments. Please do not hesitate to contact us if anything further is required.

On behalf of the authors,
Yours Sincerely,

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Responses to peer reviewers

Reviewer 1:

Minor Essential Revisions
1. I would suggest a more descriptive title. For example, replace “a worked example” with “a dental prevention protocol”.

Because the manuscript focuses on the provision of a worked example, we would like to keep this phrase in the title if possible. However in response to this comment we have changed the title, which now reads:
How to do a grounded theory study: a worked example of a study of dental practices.

• Discretionary Revisions
1. page 16, the first point under “During data analysis” delete “among other things” or add some examples.

We have deleted “among other things”.

2. page 17, the sentence “Patient also needed time…” I would suggest make “dentist” plural or changing the phrase.

We have made “dentist” plural.


We agree, and have added the following reference: