Author's response to reviews

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We have made the following changes in response to the comment by the reviewer

1. We have changed our definition of “observational studies” in accordance with the recommendation by the reviewer

2. We have changed the sentence to say that they should be considered always and included when appropriate

3. We have changed the paragraph to the past tense

4. This is an important point in the paper. It might be made a bit shorter, but we would prefer to leave it as it is to make sure that we emphasize this point, even at the cost of some redundancy.

5. We have changed the sentence

6. We have changed to “determined”