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Adrian Aldcroft
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Re. Resubmission of manuscript “The value of functional data analysis (FDA): a systematic review of its application”

Dear Adrian

I would like to resubmit our paper entitled “The value of functional data analysis (FDA): a systematic review of its application” to BMC Medical Research Methodology for your consideration. The manuscript has been extensively checked for grammar and English language expression. Where necessary, edits have been made to the text to improve its readability.

The review was conducted according to the PRISMA statement. This statement is now referenced in the paper and a completed PRISMA checklist is attached to this response to reviewers. The checklist items marked as n/a are not relevant to this paper as it was not a meta analysis or review of results, rather the review describes the statistical analysis approaches used in the published studies.

The co-author and I certify that we have both participated sufficiently in the work to attest to its overall validity and to take public responsibility for appropriate portions of its content. I hope the above information will merit your enthusiastic response, and I look forward to hearing from you. I would be happy to provide you with any other information you may require.

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Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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