Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor

We have made the formatting changes requested, as follows:

A list of all of the author e-mail addresses is now on the title page.

The Abstract starts on the second page of the manuscript and not on the title page.

References in the manuscript text and in the table are placed before the full stop and commas, with a space before each reference.

Page 3, paragraph 2, line 4 - "3604 publication types" changed to 'publications'.

Page 5, Study designs, line 7 - What were the minimum sizes and durations of the reviews? This information is in the table so we have added '(see table)' to the text.

Page 5, paragraph 3, line 3 Reference given.

Page 9, paragraph 2, line 2 comma inserted.

EndNote references amended as far as possible (a few small edits on the manuscript were still necessary to obtain the correct format using the BMC filter).

References 3, 7, 8, 10, 20 revised.

References 9 and 14 are still in press.

Reference 16 corrected.

Reference 18 journal abbreviation corrected.

Reference 19 corrected.

Reference 27 corrected.

Table 1: oriented in portrait, 10 point, single-spaced. We made a few small edits to help make it as compact as possible. We encountered a problem with WORD breaking the table after row 3, leaving more than half of the page blank and spreading the table over 3 sides despite there being adequate space for it on 2 sides. The only way we could solve this was to insert a section break before the third-from-last row. This may contravene your instruction to ensure there are no page breaks in the table, but we don't know how else to do it.