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Title: Methods for the synthesis of qualitative research: a critical review

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Dear Editors,

We now attach the final proof-read documents. The following were the changes made. (none are content-related).

Main doc:
Page 9 – second para, second sentence, inserted comma after ‘critical interpretive synthesis’
Page 10 – second full para, changed sentence ‘His rationale is that building an ‘evidence base’ of effectiveness requires that cumulative, multi-faceted evidence must be synthesised’ to ‘His rationale is that building an ‘evidence base’ of effectiveness requires the synthesis of multi-faceted evidence’
Page 11 - first para, second sentence, changed ‘Oliver et al to analyse public involvement’ to ‘Oliver et al an analysis of public involvement’
Page 11 - second para, last sentence, inserted an ‘and’ before ‘a transparent audit trail’
Page 12 - in the list under ‘Epistemology’: changed ‘I’s of subjective and objective realism to lower case; deleted semi-colon after ‘alternative human constructions’; deleted full stop after ‘directly’ (at end of sentence describing naïve realism).
Page 12 – sentence directly under list, inserted comma between ‘and’ and ‘at the other’
Page 13 – first sentence of first full para inserted ‘a higher level of’ between ‘produce’ and ‘grounded theory’
Page 14 – first para under ‘Quality assessment’, last sentence, deleted ‘however’
Page 15 – para running on from previous page, sentence beginning ‘Similarly’, inserted ‘and’ before ‘three relating to the appropriateness’
Page 18 – sentence at top of page, deleted ‘in realist synthesis…simultaneously’

Figure 1 (additional document):
For tables relating to ‘Going beyond the primary studies’ and ‘Synthetic product’,
put headings in bold.

Best wishes, James.