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I prefer to also see the specific research objectives integrated in the Introduction section of the paper, not only in a Table. That is more common, and what future readers are going to expect.

The research questions for each of the reviews have been added to the introduction – see paragraph 2 on page 5.

Papers included until 2005: I understand the complexity, but would it be not possible to update the materials in one or another way?

The first phase of CIFA, including the conduct of the systematic review, took place between 2002 and 2005. During this period all steps related to the literature searches, article selection and quality assessment were completed. As part of this process the timeframe for the literature searches was limited to the end of 2004. There are 10 manuscripts in press, in revision and in preparation from the systematic review phase. We have elaborated on the timelines in the first paragraph of page 6.

Both reviewers recommend to include implications.

In response to this comment, we have added some new material on general findings from the complete set of reviews in paragraph 2 of page 17. As noted in the response to the above comment, the results emanating from the 10 specific content reviews are are being published separately.