Author's response to reviews

Title: The relation between smokeless tobacco and cancer in Northern Europe and North America. A commentary on differences between the conclusions reached by two recent reviews.

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The current version incorporates the formatting changes requested on 7 Jul 2009.

Please note the following:

1. The references are now all cited in the main body of the MS text. In the text where Tables 2-5 are introduced for the first time (In para headed "Differences between estimates from the two reviews"), all the references cited in these Tables are cited. No references are cited for the first time in the tables.

2. Reference 2, to my review accepted for publication in BMC Medicine, will need to be amended as soon as the reference is known. It has been agreed that the present paper will not be released until the BMC Cancer paper is out.

3. Reference 40 is to a paper currently only available as an E-publication. It is possible that it may have a more complete reference by the time the present paper is released. Can this be investigated before release?

4. I have removed the additional file and the word count, and changed the heading of the main text to Correspondence.

5. I have included throughout the text a number of additional citations to Boffetta's review [1] or mine [2].

6. I have made some very minor other corrections.

Yours sincerely

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