Author's response to reviews

Title: Fear of hypoglycaemia in parents of young children with type 1 diabetes: a systematic review

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To: The Editor, BMC Paediatrics

Thank you for your email of 23rd May 2010 regarding the manuscript “Parental Anxiety and Avoidance of Acute Hypoglycaemia”, and forwarding to us the referees comments.

We have revised the manuscript in the light of these comments and provided a table giving a point-by-point response to the concerns raised by the referees (see below). We hope that these changes and responses adequately address the referees’ comments and that you will decide to publish this article.

Kind regards

Katharine Barnard

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<td>1. Using carer as search term</td>
<td>No relevant new papers were identified using the term ‘carer’ as a search term.</td>
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<td>2. Flow diagram</td>
<td>A revised flow diagram has been provided</td>
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<td>3. Referring to studies by first author</td>
<td>All studies referred to by first author now</td>
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<td>4. Limitations of review</td>
<td>The main limitation was the very limited evidence base. We have added more on research needs to the Discussion</td>
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<td>5. Could quality indicator be added to main table</td>
<td>We have added the quality score – number of yes answers out of 7 to Table One</td>
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<td>2. Age cut-off</td>
<td>We chose this age because parents are responsible for all aspects of diabetes care in young children. Adolescents are more responsible for their own care, and may receive structured education such as DAFNE or KICK-OFF. A sentence has been added to page 4, line 7.</td>
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<td>3. Limitations of previous research</td>
<td>As for point 4 above</td>
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**Editorial Comments**

Title? Please indicate in the title that the study covers a systematic review

Title has now been amended and reflects the study being a systematic review

**Additional Revisions**

HbA1c outcome measure

HbA1c has been added to Table Three