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Dear Editor,

The attached submission does not contain a direct point-by-point response to reviewer comments from the February 2012 submission. The reason for this is that the study underwent substantive changes for this submission—previously, we had recreated a comparable UK decision model analysis and supplemented it with a Canadian database analysis and compared the two methodologies. In this manuscript, we have only focused on Canadian data and have used results of the database analysis as inputs into a decision model to generate novel decision-model results for the Canadian setting. We appreciated the critical review provided by Dr. Mangham and would be very pleased for her to again review the article if she is available to do so; however, we had considered this as a new submission and many of the comments originally provided are no longer applicable given the shift in focus.