Author's response to reviews

Title: Public health in community pharmacy: A systematic review of community pharmacist and consumer views.

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Dr Alessandra Buja,

RE: MS 6626850634971613

We thank the reviewer again for their comments on our submission and have incorporated these suggestions in the manuscript. A point by point response to the suggestions is outlined overleaf. Furthermore, all changes made in the document are highlighted and can be viewed in the “final showing markup” view. The editorial requests regarding the table formatting have also been followed.

We believe these changes have further improved the paper and hope that the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication by BMC Public Health. We look forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

Claire Eades
Reviewer

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<td>I am happy that the authors have addressed most of my comments. However, in the conclusion they state that not much has changed and that they are disappointed. Considering publication lag much of the additional UK research that they have reviewed was probably done prior to the changes and I should like them to comment on this.</td>
<td>The authors agree that the lack of change between the previous and present review could be related partly to the publication dates and publication lag of studies in the present review. Accordingly this has been commented on in the conclusion section on page 27.</td>
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<td>As the authors cannot follow the editor’s suggestions and as many of the papers are non UK it would be really useful to include a table giving a breakdown of where the studies in each area, e.g. Chlamydia, EHC and soon have come from and how many new studies there have been since the changes they mention.</td>
<td>A table has now been included in the manuscript to address this comment. The table outlines the country of publication of included papers and percentage of UK and non-UK papers published after the introduction of the new pharmacy contract. This information is organised by topic area such as smoking cessation and EHC. The table is referred to in the results section under the description of included studies subheading on page 8. The authors feel that this table will make it easier for readers to consider how the country and date of publication could be related to the findings of included papers.</td>
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