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Title: Living with hepatitis C infection: a systematic review of the literature

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Dear Editors

Please accept this revised manuscript for consideration for publication in BMC Public Health. As suggested by your team, the detailed descriptions of all changes in the revision are listed below (changes in italics):

1. Title (page 1): changed to “Living with hepatitis C infection: a systematic review of the literature”
   [changed from “…a narrative review of the literature”]
2. Affiliation name for Dr Marisa Schlicthorst (page) changed to “School of Population Health, University of Melbourne, Melbourne”
   [changed from “Population Health...”]
3. Abstract (from page 2) has been fully restructured to include the information described in the PRISMA checklist.
4. Final paragraph of the Background (from page 4) now includes explicit reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS) as described in PRISMA checklist
5. Methods section now contains (on page 5) a description and a Box presenting a full electronic search strategy for one of the databases used for both strategies, including the limits used, such that it could be repeated (from PRISMA)
6. Methods section final paragraph (page 6) has a full description of the rationale and process of selecting studies (i.e. eligibility, data collected, extraction and tabulation of information), the management of references, the review by the research team and the tabulation and synthesis of information.
7. Results section (bottom page 6) now contains Figure 1: a flow chart of inclusion and exclusion of studies identified in the first search and Figure 2 (top page 10: a flow chart of inclusion and exclusion of studies identified in the second search
8. A paragraph on the potential limitations of the study, particularly the potential for bias has been added to the Discussion section (first paragraph, page 18).

Thank you for considering this revised submission, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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