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Dear Victorino Silvestre

Re: Public Health Economics: a systematic review of guidance for the economic evaluation of public health interventions and discussion of key methodological issues

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We have revised the manuscript on your recommendations in order to bring it in line with PRISMA guidelines to a systematic review. Please note as Editor this manuscript offers a discussion of key methodological considerations from the results of the systematic review. We hope very much that BMC Public Health will consider the manuscript for speedy publication.

We hope this manuscript will hold wide potential interest amongst public health policy makers, public health practitioners and health economists interested in the challenges of evaluation interventions to improve population health.

We offer a resource to readers in the form of our systematic review of international and UK published guidance on economic evaluation of public health interventions. We synthesise current thinking about the additional challenges of evaluating public health interventions over and above clinical interventions. We offer a checklist to help readers think about the type of published guidance that might help them design, conduct and report on an economic evaluation of a public health interventions. We await your views with interest.

Kind regards

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