Author's response to reviews

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Attention: Andrea Bucceri PhD, Assistant Editor

Dear Andrea

Re: MS: 8205369881691569 - Are hygiene interventions likely to improve outcomes for Australian Aboriginal children living in remote communities: A systematic review of the literature?

Thank you for your recent email informing us that this paper has been accepted in principle. In line with comments made by the reviewers the following changes have been made to the manuscript.

Reviewer: Lorna Fewtrell
The data in Table 8 is now presented in a Figure (Figure 2) and Table 8 has been deleted.

Reviewer: Stephen Luby
Para 1) A sentence has been included to highlight the difference between the approach taken in this review as compared to other reviews (p5 highlighted).
Point 1) We have changed the wording in the text to more clearly show to the our end search date (p9 highlighted).
Point 2) In Figure 1, the wording ‘not appropriate’ has been changed to ‘did not meet inclusion criteria’ (highlighted). The inclusion criteria are clearly described in the text (p10). We have also inserted some additional text to explain this better (p11 highlighted).

We greatly appreciate the time taken by yourself and the reviewers to assist us to prepare this manuscript. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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