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Please find uploaded to your site our REVISED manuscript including revised Table 1 for ‘Tramadol for premature ejaculation: a systematic review and meta-analysis’. This represents an extension for peer-review of a HTA short report commissioned by the NIHR HTA.

We thank the peer-referees for their comments. In our revision:

1. We have amended the MS with the track changes suggested by Referee 2, although we feel that ‘minutes’ should be spelled out in full in the text, rather than the suggested ‘min’.
2. We have made all of our amendments as track changes
3. We have completed the PRISMA check-list for the article and uploaded it, although we realise that some of the page numbers might need changing for the print versions, if the MS is accepted.
4. We have included a reference to other systematic reviews of tramadol, both in our introduction and in comparison to our findings in our discussion.
5. We have completed the PRISMA flow chart (Figure 1).
6. In line with Referee 1’s comment we have now made reference to other systematic reviews of tramadol, both in our introduction and in comparison to our findings in our discussion.
7. We have included a reference to the RCTs noted by Referee 1 that are of low methodological quality and those which are not placebo-controlled.
8. We have made reference in our discussion to the RCT of concern to Referee 1 and report the effects of omitting this trial from our analysis (IELT still significant and heterogeneity high). We also report as suggested by Referee 1 that three other publications by the same author have been retracted, but do not cite these papers (one of these papers appeared in our original reference list in error that
we have now removed).