Author's response to reviews

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Tim Shipley, PhD
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Re: MS#1802442998385443

Dear Dr. Shipley,

Thank you for your email of July 7, 2010 concerning our manuscript “Design of the Prevention of Adult Caries Study (PACS): A randomized clinical trial assessing the effect of a chlorhexidine dental coating for the prevention of adult caries”, which we have submitted for publication in BMC Oral Health Journal. We believe that we have successfully addressed the reviewer’s comments and are submitting this revised version for your further consideration. If you have any remaining questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Below we provide a summary of our edits.

Sincerely,

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Summary of Changes to Manuscript

1. The reviewer suggested we clarify the description of ref #21 on page 5 to make it explicit that the active and sham treatments were different. We have done so.

2. The reviewer requested that we note on page 8, under Study Population, that participants and staff were blinded to treatment assignment. We have done so.

3. The reviewer asked that we be more explicit about what costs we will be estimating. We have now addressed this on pages 15 and 16.

4. You also requested that we state CHX’s involvement in the study in the Competing Interests section, and we have now done so. We also amended the statement about author COIs to specifically note that two authors, Dr. Fellows and Dr. Papas, received supplemental funding for portions of the protocol from CHX.