Author's response to reviews

Title: Patient-Centred Care in General Dental Practice - A Systematic Review of the Literature

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Dear Dr Tomar,

Re: Resubmission of manuscript: MS: 1460837841196624
"Patient-Centred Care in General Dental Practice – A Systematic Review of the Literature"

Thank you for taking the time to consider our previously submitted manuscript, and we are extremely grateful to the two reviewers for their advice and feedback on the content of the paper. We have made a number of changes to the manuscript in light of the comments and suggestions made and we hope this revision will address the concerns raised.

We have provided some notes below on how we have approached each of the specific comments raised by the reviewers. We trust this will illustrate how these changes have been implemented in order to improve the clarity and readability of the manuscript.

Abstract: We have modified the abstract and removed the references to the Dental Quality Outcomes Framework (DQOF) as suggested by Reviewer 1.

Introduction: The DQOF is briefly mentioned in the introduction, and we have highlighted the fact that this is only applicable to England as requested by Reviewer 2. We have also included mention of the “Dental Care and Oral Health – call to action” initiative which has been implemented since the paper was submitted. A reference to this has been included [1].

Methodology: The methodology section has been revised in light of the comments from Reviewer 2. We have removed any superfluous information as requested, but feel that it is important to include a significant amount of detail to demonstrate a rigorous and robust approach to our literature review process. We have also included additional information on justification of the use of supplemental search techniques, with inclusion of an additional reference[2].
Discussion: We have amended the text on page 14 which discussed the differences and similarities between dentistry, general practice and secondary care in light of the comments from Reviewer 1.

Conclusion: Comment and reference to the DQOF has been removed as suggested by Reviewer 1.

Corrections: Typographical errors in relation to the presence / absence of the apostrophe, and inconsistency with the term patient-centred care have hopefully been addressed.

The comments from the reviewers were extremely helpful and beneficial, and we believe that implementation of the suggested changes has improved the manuscript. I would therefore be grateful if you would consider reviewing the revised manuscript in consideration of its suitability for publication in the journal of BMC Oral Health.

Yours sincerely,

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