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Title: An Evaluation of the Completeness of Safety Reporting in Reports of Complementary and Alternative Medicine Trials

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To whom it may concern,

There are a few minor amendments we would like to make to the manuscript before final submission. Details of these amendments are as follows:

Abstract, Background: Adverse Events (AEs) to be inserted the first time it is used.

Abstract, Methods: "Primary outcome measures, the adequacy of reporting of AEs" should have a comma after AEs. There should also be a space between the end of the Methods section and the Results section (We assume this has been re-formatted).

Abstract, Results: This is not meta-regression, "Of the predictors used in regression analysis".

Background: "Ioannidis' objectives" is missing the s.

Methods, Study Selection and data extraction: "A discrepancy of 10 percent", please can we change to 10%, or 'ten percent'. The sentence "There were no amendments to outcomes which were considered..." should not have a comma after outcomes.

Evaluation and analysis, Descriptive Statistics: "(a six month divide was deemed [an] adequate)- please remove an.

Second paragraph, page six: "Like Ioannidis, we compared..."- We did not use the same measurement of scale, suggesting a rewording of that sentence to "Like Ioannidis, we compared the relative reporting of safety in the body of the text with the reporting of author affiliations."

CONSORT for Harms: Last sentence, "...part of this evaluation" instead of
extension.

Page 8, qualitative measures: "in the full body text" should be amended to "in the full body of the text".

Regression Analysis: "In multivariable analysis, multicentre was retained as a statistically significant predictor for..." Therapeutic trials was not statistically significant in that model.

Page 10: Please add trial report as the last two words in the 4th paragraph.

Page 11, references 4 and 5 consecutively were missed in the text.

Thank you for time in making these amendments,

Kind Regards,

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