Author's response to reviews

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Dear BioMed Central Editor,

Thank you for the letter announcing that our submitted manuscript is potentially suitable for publication in BMC. We would also wish to thank the reviewers, Professor Kleijnen and Dr Gorman, for providing insightful comments that only served to improve the manuscript.

Following the comments made by the reviewers, we have made the following changes:

- Where p-values are reported, a statement indicating whether these reflect within group comparisons is included.
- The objective of the study has been modified to include a better statement of the comparator.
- References to the intention-to-treat principle were dropped. It is an oversight for which we apologise.
- Two considerations suggested by the reviewers are elaborated in the discussion section.
- Table 5 has been reformatted.
- Minor typographical errors are corrected.
- The abstract has been reduced to 250 words.

Moreover, we wish to report that we have re-formatted the document to BMC standards using the checklist you provided.

We look forward to receiving advice on the progress of publication.

Sincerely,

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