Author's response to reviews

Title: Vaccination resource tracking: a systematic review of the data and literature

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Dear Madame or Sir:

Please accept this letter as our re-submission of the research article entitled “Vaccination resource tracking: a comprehensive review of the data and literature” to BMC Health Services. Per the instructions of the editor of BMC Informatics and Decision Making, Arlene Pura, we have made a number of changes to the article.

First, the landscape review was reformulated as a systematic review. This involved re-reviewing the databases and data sources used and updating the text to make reference to and detail this process. We thus enclose a checklist and flow diagram outlining the steps taken in the systematic review, according to PRISMA guidelines.

Second, we provided additional information in the Methods section on the interviews. Information about the format of the interviews, as unstructured and open-ended, is now included. Additionally, the role of expert group convened by the Decades of Vaccines Collaboration is now detailed.

Upon reflection, we agree with Ms. Pura that this article is better suited to BMC Health Services. Understanding the scope and quality of vaccination resource tracking will contribute to improved allocation of resources and better management of health services, in line with the journal’s objectives. The readership of BMC Health Services could truly take action based on these findings and thereby improve the implementation of resource tracking and the delivery of vaccinations worldwide.

We look forward to your response. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Annie Haakenstad