Author's response to reviews

**Title:** Priority setting for new technologies in medicine: A transdisciplinary study

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In response to Schilling’s concerns, we have made the following changes:

p. 3, 2nd paragraph: Added after sentence starting “Studies of actual priority setting show…” and before “Moreover, there is no consensus…”

  Priority setting for new technologies, for example, is frequently conducted under conditions of varying degrees of evidence about the safety, effectiveness, and appropriateness of particular interventions.

p. 4, 1st full paragraph: Added after 1st sentence and before sentence starting “This is because, though…”

  Empirical descriptions of priority setting that focus, for example, on considerations of safety, effectiveness, and appropriateness of particular preventive, diagnostic or therapeutic interventions are also insufficient.

p. 10, last paragraph: Added after 1st sentence and before sentence starting “If this exercise were repeated…”

  It would be reasonable to expect that the transdisciplinary approach might be more broadly applicable, for example, to decision making about bed closures or space allocation or staffing, or around strategic, capital, and operational planning both at the hospital level and at the clinical level.

Other changes:

Coverpage, “Funding”: 1st sentence edited to include reference to “Canadian Institutes of Health Research” and additional sentence included regarding Dr. Gibson’s funding

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Table 1: Endnote added (reference 15)