Author's response to reviews

Title: Systems for grading the quality of evidence and the strength of recommendations II: Pilot study of a new system

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Dear BMC Editorial Team,

Re:
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Systems for grading the quality of evidence and the strength of recommendations II: Pilot study of a new system.

Please use me (Gunn Vist) as the corresponding author for this manuscript (not Andy Oxman), thank you.

Author list, the GRADE Working Group is now included as an author and email address provided.

Manuscript sections are now in the correct order: Abstract; Background; Methods; Results; Discussion; Conclusions; Competing interests; Authors contributions; Acknowledgements; References; Tables; Description of Additional files.

Contributions are changed to Authors contributions.

Competing interests are now specified:
DA has competing interests with the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), PAB has a competing interest with the US Task Force on Community Preventive Services (USTFCPS), ME has and JM had competing interests with the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE), GHG, RJ and HS have competing interests with the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP). RTH has competing interests with the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN), SH and DO have competing interests with the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (ANHMRC), BP has competing interests with the Oxford Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine (OCEBM). Most of the other members of the GRADE Working Group have experience with the use of one or more systems for grading evidence and recommendations.

Reference 1, full citation is provided:

Tables
Titles are removed from the Tables to above the corresponding table.
Table 1 and Table 8 are divided into Table 1a and Table 1b and Table 8a and Table 8b., changes also made in the text to refer to these Tables.

Appendix has been made into an Additional file, List of Additional files are added to the manuscript.

Thank you for considering.

Best wishes,
Gunn Vist on behalf of the GRADE Working Group