Author’s response to reviews

Title: The effect of statins on testosterone in men and women, a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials.

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Author's response to reviews: see over
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Dear Dr D’Souza,

Thank you for further review of our paper. We have made the formatting changes suggested, checked that the manuscript adheres to BMC Medicine standards and rechecked for typos. We have also made the minor changes requested from the review. Below is a detailed point by point response to each comment.

(1) Need author full names as follows:
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/authors/instructions/researcharticle#formatting-title
We have replaced SL Au Yeung with Shiu Lin Au Yeung to ensure the first name is given for each author.

(2) Need abbreviation section as follows:
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/authors/instructions/researcharticle#formatting-abbreviations
We have added an abbreviations section.

(3) Figure 3 needs consent to publish. Please send us permission to reproduce the figure from the copyright holder.
Figure 3 is the forest plot from our meta-analysis. We drew the forest plot based on combining estimates extracted the papers used in this meta-analysis, so the Figure is our own creation for which we are the copyright holders.

Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style (http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/medicine_journals). It is important that your files are correctly formatted.
Our figures are PDFs or TIFFs which are acceptable formats.

We have provided a detailed response to all the reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer's report
Title: The effect of statins on testosterone in men and women, a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials.
Version: 2 Date: 15 November 2012
Reviewer: Allan A Sniderman
Reviewer's report:
N/A
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
No response required

Reviewer's report
Title: The effect of statins on testosterone in men and women, a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials.

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Reviewer: Bu Yeap

Reviewer's report:
The manuscript is improved, but the following minor essential revisions should be made.

- Minor Essential Revisions

Page 7 lines 27-29: delete "which should be counteracted by testosterone therapy for maximum cardiovascular benefit". The change is testosterone levels is small and this is entirely speculative.

*We have removed these words.*

Page 9 line 8: Change "This study based on experimental evidence" to "This meta-analysis"

*Thank you we have made this change.*

Yours sincerely

DR CM Schooling, on behalf of the authors