Author’s response to reviews

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Thank you for providing the second round of reviewer comments and for accepting our paper.

We have made the requested revisions in the manuscript as outlined below.

Reviewer 1 (Ellen Hodnett)

No further changes were requested.

Reviewer 2 (Debra Creedy)

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

[None requested]

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Conclusion section in the abstract needs to reflect statements in the corresponding section of the paper. As such the phrase "and cannot be recommended" should be deleted from the abstract.

This phrase has been deleted.

The previous statement regarding "not proven effective" is clear and sufficient.

Para 2 line 10 - change "offered" to "offering"

This change has been made.

Para 2 line 2 - delete "clearly".

This has been done.

We have also formatted the Abstract with the required headings, as requested in both the manuscript and on the submitting page, and ensured that the manuscript conforms to the required section headings in the requested order.

We have also removed the shading from Table 1.

Yours sincerely

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For the authors