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Re: Manuscript entitled “A Systematic Review of Techniques and Interventions for Improving Adherence to Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria During Enrolment into Randomised Controlled Trials.”

Dear Iain,

We wish to submit the revised Commissioned Editor Review, for publication in the Journal Trials. We have addressed the minor query received from the Editor on the 4th February, and believe our manuscript to be much improved as a result of the review process.

The minor query from the Editor is addressed herewith:

The authors’ state searching the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews: CDSR (page 4). My experience is that the Cochrane Methods Register would be more useful for this type of review as compared to CDSR. Can the authors clarify whether they searched the Methods register or CSDR?

Authors’ Response:

Thank-you for this excellent suggestion. We have now formally extended our search to include the Cochrane Methodology Register (CMR). This is now explicitly reported in our manuscript. We used the appropriate CMR terminology, combined with our major search. The CMR search contributed no additional new references, however we do believe the recommendation to search the CMR has contributed towards improving the robust nature of our search process.

Sincerely,

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