Author's response to reviews

Title: Clinical drug trials in general practice: a ten-year overview of protocols

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for a new opportunity to revise the manuscript *Clinical drug trials in general practice: a ten-year overview of protocols*. We appreciate the thorough review and helpful suggestions. A revised manuscript is enclosed highlighting all changes with “track changes”.

In the following we give point-by-point response to the comments made by the reviewer who had new suggestions for revision. We hope you find our responses and revision of the manuscript satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

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**Reviewer’s report. Reviewer:** Puvan Tharmanathan

I am happy for the article to be accepted after the changes below are made:

**Minor essential Revisions.**

- Abstract, Conclusions: Please summarise main conclusion here and remove statements to do with methods, such as "We describe a study with several..."
The mentioned sentence has been removed as suggested.

- Background, Paragraph 1 - “in acceptable proportions” can be re-phrased as "proportionate".
The expression has been rephrased as suggested.

- Methods, Paragraph 1 - "Some more details" should be stated as "More detail"
This has been rephrased as suggested.

- Results, Case Study - "Some more details" should be stated as "More detail is given"
This has been rephrased as suggested.

- Discussion, Paragraph 4 - Amend sentence to "However, a NUMBER of GPs were involved in quite a FEW trials..."
This has been amended as suggested.

- Conclusions - Suggest rephrasing sentence 6 as follows: "It raises the important ethical considerations with regard to exposing patients to unnecessary risks in either, an inordinately large or a small, under-powered trial."
The sentence has been rephrased according to the suggestion.

We have also replaced one of the references to a systematic review (Schott et al. 2010, part 1) with a new Cochrane review on the same topic (Lundh et al. 2012), as this current review represents a publication of special importance in this field.