Author's response to reviews

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We thank the editor for his comments. All recommended changes have been accepted as-is with the following comments or exceptions:

1.) The acronyms VA and QUERI are currently defined on page 4 (Background section). To avoid redundant explanation of them on page 5, the first sentence of the canned paragraph about the series ("This article is one of a Series...") has been altered: "This article is one of a Series of articles documenting implementation science frameworks and approaches developed by the VA QUERI."

2) On page 4, we use "multi-region" rather than "multi-site, multi-region" because the phrase "multi-region" implies multiple sites.

3) On page 10, the sentence that included the phrase "flowed from the nature of the intervention" has been dropped entirely from the end of the 2nd paragraph.

4) On page 11, we used "a fourth VA delivery network." We feel that the word "geographical" is redundant; the geographical sense is implied by the sentence.

5) On page 15, 3rd paragraph, we cannot change 'intervention' to 'implementation' as requested because we are quoting someone else.

6) On page 16, 3rd paragraph, we did not add "Mental Health" as requested because the same phrase appears at the end of the previous sentence. We feel the meaning is clear, and we would like to avoid an awkward repetition.

7) On page 17, 4th paragraph, we have used "budget impact" rather than "business case."

8) On page 15, we have added a paragraph to the start of the section "Implementation (steps 4-6) in response to the editor's request. Three corresponding subheadings appear later in the section as well. We have italicized them rather than putting them as bulleted points, but we will accept any formatting.

9) On page 18, 2nd paragraph, a sentence was added to explain "$/QALY".