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Dear Aris

Thank you for your email. Apologies for the omissions. We reassessed the article and realised that in fact this contribution is a methodologies article when it had been submitted as a protocol. The protocol for this study was published in BMC Public Health previously (Waters et al 2011). For this particular article we’ve chosen implementation science as this paper because: 1) it presents a new intervention procedure to promote evidence-informed public health decision-making; 2) The intervention method we describe offers an enhanced version of existing KT methods; 3) We have provided information on these enhancements in the context of current KT literature and 4) Our intervention method is being tested in a randomised controlled trial – which was described in the BMC public health protocol paper.

We’ve made the following amendments to the manuscript according to your instructions and have resubmitted online.

- restructured Abstract: Background, Method, and Discussion;
- included method section
- included a discussion section
- Kept ‘conclusion’ section as this is required of methodologies articles
- included a competing interests section at the end of the manuscript, before the
reference list
· included a figure title and legend section after the reference list.
· Attached a copy of funding letter and documentation of ethics committee approvals, as suggested
Also
· Added a list of abbreviations, as suggested in the IS ‘methodologies’ manuscript preparation guidelines