Author's response to reviews

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Hi April and editorial staff,

Updates to the manuscript include:

Adding the address to my VA affiliation.

Page 5 lines 8 through 9: I returned the key words to italics in this quote because they were italicized in the original text. The copy editor left a note indicating that only Latin words are italicized in IS. However, since the italics are from the original text being cited, this has been noted after the quote parenthetically.

IS prefers using single quotation marks instead of double. I accepted all changes except one. On Page 12, second to last line: synonyms should remain in double quotation marks (“synonyms”) as this section is part of a block quote from the instructions provided to the Expert Panel and retaining the double quotation mark presents the instructions as they were presented to the participant. Note that in the same block quote on page 13, line 2 Comments is also in double quotes and these were not changed to single quotation marks in the copyedited version.

Page 16, line 2: edit replaced the second “when” in the sentence with “in”. Since making recommendations is a prolonged action and the consideration of each concept is comparatively shorter I think “while” is a better substitute than “in” and have made this replacement.

The top of page 21 includes a list of materials provided to participants that was originally numbered, but to bring the formatting consistent with IS policies the numbering was removed. The last three materials in the list all involve group data and semicolon use within the sentence has been adjusted such that these last three items are separated by commas instead of semicolons to retain their grouping. Minor text edits to the last two items of the list were made to improve
clarity.

We appreciate your edits and are happy to discuss any of the changes made above to facilitate the production of a clearly written manuscript.

Best regards,

Tom Waltz