Author's response to reviews

Title: The effectiveness of interventions targeting specific out-of-home food outlets: protocol for a systematic review

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the revised manuscript titled “The effectiveness of interventions targeting specific out-of-home food outlets: protocol for a systematic review”.

We have addressed the reviewer’s comments as follows and highlighted the changes in the manuscript:

1. On page 12 the protocol states that information will be sought for published and ongoing studies. When the team are contacting experts, will they also seek information about unpublished studies?

   Yes, we will also seek information about unpublished studies from experts and have added this to page 10 (previously page 12).

2. Given the topic, I appreciate that it would be difficult to set all outcomes of interest in advance. However, it would be nice to see a statement confirming that all outcomes will be reported, or outlining the process by which the team will decide which outcomes uncovered in the original studies will be explored in detail and reported.

   We have listed potential outcomes and their categories on page 8 and will only explore outcomes that fall into these categories. A sentence has been added to page 8 to clarify this.

3. It would be helpful to have further information on what details will be data extracted and whether this will include the study sponsor or funding source

   More information on the data being extracted has been added to page 11. This includes the study sponsor or funding source.
Editorial requests:

1. Please move the 'Competing Interest,' 'Acknowledgements' and 'Author's Contributions' sections to just before the reference section, they should not be on the title page.

   We have moved these sections as requested.

We hope that these changes are satisfactory and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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