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Dear Ms Smith,

Thank you very much for provisional acceptance of our manuscript. We have made the necessary final changes as requested. Please find our answers below.
Editor Comments:

Thank you for making substantial revision as recommended by our peer reviewers. There are a few minor additional reviews to be made before we can accept for publication as follows:

1. Please tidy the PRISMA flow sheet, which has comments alongside in German and please complete all sections

   We have made the necessary changes.

2. Please copy edit the new revised sections

   We tried to do so.

3. Please clarify the title on page 11 'Inhomogeneity', I have not heard of that term before

   Sorry, only exists in German. We corrected it.
4. Page 34, line 12: I would suggest that this could lead to 'bias in interpretation' rather than in effect size as you have not quantified your results

Thank you for this true observation. We have corrected it.

5. I do not agree that it is still the norm that you did not publish a protocol as many SR protocols are now published on websites such as PROSPERO - I suggest you should add as a limitation, mainly because of your change from using 'dizziness and vertigo' to dizziness alone which would be quite a marked change from a protocol if yo had published one.

We have added it under limitations.

6. I also think you need to add explanatory text to the background on the difference between dizziness and vertigo as you have provided in your comments to the reviewer so that a reader can be quite clear what you mean by each and that you have decided to subsume the term vertigo within dizziness

We have added an explanation for the reader in the background section.