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Dear Dr. Houssein:

Per your request, please find uploaded a final copy of the manuscript BCAN-D-17-02325 titled "Systematic Reviews and Cancer Research: A Suggested Stepwise Approach” for publication in BMC Cancer. Per the BMC Cancer email on February 20, 2018, we believe that we have addressed all requested editorial revisions. These include (1) submitting a clean version of the manuscript without track changes or highlighting, (2) ensuring that the manuscript conforms to the journal style, including the headings “Background”, Main text (titled “Suggested guidelines for the systematic review process” to reflect this work) and “Conclusions”, (3) providing five keywords at the end of the abstract, (4) adding in the “Competing Interests” section of the “Declarations” part of the manuscript a statement that I serve as a Statistical Advisor for BMC Cancer, (5) adding a statement to the “Authors’ contributions” section confirming that both authors have read and approved the final manuscript, and (6) successfully addressing all items in the “Declarations” section of the manuscript.
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I am hopeful that this will be a helpful document for BMC Cancer and its readership.

Sincerely yours,

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