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Dear Dr Vargas

Please find attached our revised manuscript. We have included line numbers (the pages were already numbered). We have included an ethics statement to say that we did not need approval from an ethics committee as the manuscript reports the results from a systematic literature review and did not involve research on human subjects or human material or data.

We have an acknowledgement section, but there is no one to acknowledge for their contribution, as described. The role of the funding source has been acknowledged: one author was an employee and one author had a consultancy contract. One of the authors (MH) was mainly responsible for drafting the manuscript, and the other authors revised it critically for important intellectual content – this is described in the section ‘Authors’ contributions’ just before the Acknowledgments section.

If you have any questions or need more information do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Haugh, on behalf of the authors