Author's response to reviews

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Dear Ms. Valencia,

Thank you for your swift feedback on my manuscript MS: 1291802802120286 entitled PICO, PICOS and SPIDER: A comparison study of specificity and sensitivity in three search tools for qualitative literature.

I have made the necessary changes (detailed below) and uploaded a revised manuscript.

I hope this is satisfactory to progress the manuscript to peer review.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Kind regards,

Abigail Methley

On behalf of Professor Stephen Campbell, Professor Carolyn Chew-Graham and Dr Sudeh Cheraghi-Sohi

Changes to manuscript

1. The title page has been incorporated with the main manuscript. It contains all requested information.
2. The abstract has been incorporated with the main manuscript. It contains all requested information.
3. The structure has been altered so that sections follow the correct format.
4. A statement on competing interests has been added.
5. A section on authors’ information has been added.
6. A statement on ethics approval has been added (although this may not be necessary for a review article?)