Author’s response to reviews

Title: Interventions to reduce readmissions: Can complex adaptive system theory explain the heterogeneity in effectiveness? A systematic review

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Dr. Chahed,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue improving our manuscript. Below please find our point by point responses to your Editor’s Comments.

1. Page 15, line 7: “p = 0.062 for learning and…” however in table 5, p = 0.064

Response: The in text number was a typo, it has been changed so that it reflects what is accurately shown in the table.

2. Page 15, lines 16-17, “Interventions rated as effective were significantly more likely to have both characteristics of learning and self-organization (77%)…” and Table 5 (in page 16). Please check this percentage (77%).

Response: The percentages reported were incorrect for that interaction in both the table and text. They have been updated to reflect what is accurate (61% and 39%).
3. Page 16, lines 5-6, Please check sentence “… elements reflecting 3 the CAS characteristic of…”

Response: That phrasing has been edited to “…elements reflecting the 3 CAS characteristics of…”

4. Page 16, line 15, “…Leppin’s analysis identified…”. Isn’t it “Leppin et al”?

Response: Yes, thank you for catching this. It has been edited.

5. Page 18, line 21, “like teaching CHF patients to …”. The abbreviation "CHF" is not defined.

Response: CHF has been written out.

We have rechecked our manuscript and believe it meets your editorial requirements as listed.

Sincerely,

Lauren Penney