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Dear Dr Minus:

Please find attached our revised manuscript entitled “Using information and communication technologies to involve patients and the public in health education in rural and remote areas: a scoping review” for publication in BMC Health Services Research.

The present manuscript reports the results of a scoping review whose objective was to explore information and communication technologies (ICT) used for patient and public involvement (PPI) in health education programs in rural and remote areas. Our results suggest that the main ICTs used were telephone and Internet, followed by teleconference, electronic health record, and weblogs (n=1). No study measured the effectiveness of ICT for involving patients in health education in rural and remote areas.

We have carried out the required essential revisions as follows below:
We included a list of keywords after the abstract.

We changed the “Introduction” heading to instead read “Background”.

We ensured that all authors have read and approved the manuscript and we included a statement in the Authors’ contributions section to this effect.

We removed the figure legends from the figure files.

We also removed the Declaration forms from the file inventory.

We uploaded a single final and clean version of the manuscript. All files are clean versions and we checked that all table, figures and supplementary files are cited in text.

The manuscript is not under consideration for publication elsewhere and no paper related to this study has been published. Each author contributed significantly to this study and declare no conflicts of interest. All authors have approved the enclosed manuscript.

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in BMC Health Services Research. We look forward to your final decision. If there are any questions regarding the manuscript, do not hesitate to contact me.

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