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Thank you for your suggestions.

1. It looks like you have updated the reference, but not the definition of Evidence Based Practice - can you please update this? "Evidence Based Practice is the integration of clinical expertise, patient values and the best evidence into the decision making process for patient care" (Sackett, D.L., et al. (2000). Evidence-based medicine: How to practice and teach EBM (2nd ed.). Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone) - also note the latest edition of this book is 2019. When I started reading the 4th edition, I noticed that even the introduction differs from the original 1997 version. In addition, I had to use the term evidence-based medicine (EBM). As the description from the 4th edition refers to EBM and not evidence-based practice (EBP). I have been using the term EBP. In our library we do not have the 2019 version, so I will cite the 2011 edition. Many authors are using the original 1996 version and even misquoting it.

2. There is one instance of ‘research team’ that needs to be changed to ‘review team” - see line 110 This has been amended.

3. Please add a short summary of your Cochrane presentation re the testing you have done on databases to the manuscript.

I am not sure what is meant by” testing you have done on databases”. However, see line 398, I have added a sentence regard to my presentation at the Cochrane colloquium, Cochrane Rapid Reviews Methods Group (RRMG) Open Meeting. If you are referring to another section please let me know.