Author’s response to reviews

Title: Overcoming barriers to evidence-based patient blood management: a restricted review

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Dear Professor Hutchison,

Thank you very much for reviewing the manuscript and providing positive and constructive feedback. We sincerely appreciate the time you took to consider the work and your valuable comments, which have helped improve the paper.

In particular, the suggestion to change the word “facility” to “professional” makes much more sense. The previous changes from the first revision have been accepted within the document, and only the new grammatical and proofreading changes have been tracked in this document for easy reading.

Comments

1. Please review the entire manuscript for grammar. I have noted the following (see below), but I think the manuscript would benefit from your thorough review to capture anything I might have missed.
The manuscript has been proofread by multiple authors to try and capture any remaining grammar errors. The grammar checking software “Grammarly” has also been used to assist in identifying areas of reduced clarity. Some further changes were necessary, and are in tracked changes.

2. Please re-word the following sentence from the Conclusion: "Common implementation strategies selected to address the barriers included conduct educational meetings, audit and provide, develop educational materials, and conduct local consensus discussion".

   Corrected at line 363

3. Lines 371-371 - repeated use of 'also'. Please remove one.

   Corrected at line 355

4. Lines 40-41 - "report on what current expert opinion recommends as being effective", needs re-wording to something like "report recommendations based on expert opinion"

   Corrected at line 41-42

5. In places you use the term 'health facilities' when I think you mean 'health professionals'. It is the health professionals that implement strategies, not health facilities.

   Corrected throughout the paper with tracked changes.

6. Line 144 - suggest you re-word "We looked for.." to "We searched for ..".

   Corrected at line 140.