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Dear Dr. Reynders,

thanks a lot for your review of our protocol, the comments and the literature you provided to us.

Now we would like to resubmit the revised protocol; we addressed all key issues provided under ‘Limitations of this manuscript’:

- ISSUE 1

  We decided to use one protocol for both research designs. We restructured the methods section and included a separate sub-section for the methods for the SR followed by a sub-section for the overview, as recommended.

  As we have to highlight all changes made when revising the manuscript, everything under the "Methods"-section is highlighted now. We provided a clear version too.
- ISSUE 2

We revised the manuscript and followed precisely the PRISMA-P guidance by adding sub-sections for "outcome and prioritization" as well as for "meta-biases". We uploaded an updated version of the PRISMA-P-checklist.

Please let us know if you need any further information from us.

Best regards

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