Author’s response to reviews

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Comments from Editor in Chief (e-mail from Claudia Malic. November 11th, 2019)

- "I am not certain that (in response to reviewer 2’s questions/comment) it is yet clear in the manuscript that the protocol is generic, will produce baseline data and that a series of reviews will follow. I suggest that it would be helpful to ask the authors to be clear about this and add a sentence specifically stating this. The lines that they say explain this don't actually do so. It should be a quick and minor addition."

Answer: We included the requested specification in the updated version of the manuscript. Current lines: 30, 35, 68, 398-403 and 416 involve corresponding changes. They are highlighted in blue color.

Comments from Editor: Dawid Pieper, PhD

- “Please be more clear in the para dealing with quality assessment. It is not clear to what JBI criteria you are referring.”

Answer: We named the available JBI Checklists to be used for quality assessment depending on the type of study (e.g. clinical trial, case report, case-control, cohort, observational and, clinical studies). Current lines: 331-339 comprise the corresponding changes. They are highlighted in green color.

- “Please note, that GRADE cannot be used to assess the quality or risk of bias of single studies, but the certainty of evidence across studies.”

Answer: Indeed, there is a mistake in that part. Current lines 47-49, 348-352 involve the corresponding changes. They are highlighted in yellow color.
- Consider applying a tool for each study design you expect to identify (must corresponding with your eligibility criteria).

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- Furthermore, it is stated that literature will be searched up to July 2018. Please check whether this needs to be revised as we are already at the end of 2019.”

Answer: We included the term “till present” instead of a specific date to make it timeless. Current lines 39 and 238 contain the corresponding change.