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Thank you for addressing the reviewer comments, the manuscript is much improved and I only have a few residual comments to request:

1. Please remove stage 3-5 from the abstract

Author response: Thank you. We have revised the protocol to remove sections 3-5 from the methods and instead discuss these stages in the discussion.

2. Please remove stage 305 from the method and include only as a discussion point

Author response: We have removed the stages 3-5 from the methods.

3. I am unclear on your discussion point regarding ‘each review will have its own review protocol’ – please confirm that these review protocols are not published elsewhere.

Author response: The protocols are not published elsewhere and we have removed this sentence from the protocol. We may wish to seek co-publication with the Campbell Collaboration.

We would also encourage you to re-author your discussion to encompass the stage 3-5 method and articulate what potential impact the reviews will have / how they will be used and why this is important

Author response: We have revised the discussion to include the other stages and how the results of the reviews will be used.