Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Sophie Staniszewska and Richard Stephens,

Thank you for your positive remarks and comments to improve the manuscript. Please find enclosed the revised manuscript: ‘Patient involvement in cardiovascular research: a qualitative impact evaluation’. We inserted several sections throughout the manuscript on when and how patients were involved. The research itself was initiated by patient organization Harteraad, who influenced the research question and research design. Moreover, lay representatives were, and still are at the time of writing, involved in the implementation of the research results.

We aimed to clearly describe this involvement in the revised manuscript, and to resolve the feedback on the key omission in the initial manuscript.

We look forward hearing from you,

On behalf of the research team,

Kind regards,

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