Author’s response to reviews

Title: Cardiovascular Co-morbidity in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis: a narrative review of risk factors, cardiovascular risk assessment and treatment

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Dear Dr. Mockridge,

Thank you for consideration of our manuscript BRHM-D-17-00022R1, “Cardiovascular Co-morbidity in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis: a narrative review of risk factors, cardiovascular risk assessment and treatment.” We have carefully considered all suggestions and comments by the reviewer and editor and made changes accordingly. We hope that with these modifications, the manuscript will now be suitable for publication in BMC Rheumatology. Thank you for reconsideration of our work. Our responses to the comments are attached below.

Sincerely,

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Title page: please add the email address of Aprajita Jagpal
Response: We have added email address of authors in the title page (see page 1)

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We have added a list of abbreviations used in our manuscript. (Please see page 25)
Comment: Reference list: the style of the references should be in journal style

Response: We have reformatted the references to match BMC format.

Reviewer #2:

Comment: According to my previous comments, I think the authors have acted on essentially all my suggestions. I find their comments and due changes in the text adequate.

There is a discrepancy between some of the reference numbers given in the answer formula and the final, revised manuscript. As far as I can judge, the numbers in the manuscript are correct, however I suggest the authors to look through this once more.

Response: Thank you for the comment. The references numbers got alerted due to a glitch in the citation software (End Note). We have cross checked and verified the references and those in the manuscript are correct.