

Author's response to reviews

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Dear Martin and Editors,

Thank you for your email.

In line with your request I have reworded a sentence in the limitation section of our manuscript to read "Our requirement that handbooks be developed by national or international organisations responsible for CPG development may mean that well developed handbooks for guideline development were excluded, particularly in North America where several handbooks are produced by professional groups. Related resources such as the manual for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstmeth.htm>) were also excluded as they did not meet our criteria, but may be relevant to this discussion."

I have uploaded a clean version of the amended manuscript. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do.

Thank you,

Tari