

Author's response to reviews

Title: IMPlémenting a clinical practice guideline for acute Low-back pain Evidence-based manageMENT in general practice (IMPLEMENT): cluster randomised controlled trial study protocol

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Dear Robbie,

Thank you for reviewing and accepting our manuscripts for *Implementation Science* (MS: 1959071528175074; MS: 3663022211750850). Where possible, we have made changes to these manuscripts in accordance to your suggestions. For the manuscript “IMpLeMenting a clinical practice guideline for acute Low-back pain Evidence-based manageMEnt in general practice (IMpLeMEnt): cluster randomised controlled trial study protocol [ACTRN012606000098538]” (MS: 1959071528175074) the changes that have been made include:

1. Inclusion of an additional file which contains the completed checklist of items from the CONSORT statement for cluster randomised trials.
2. The addition of text to address two of the CONSORT checklist items for cluster randomised trials. Specifically, we have added a section titled “Data quality assurance” which outlines methods to enhance the quality of measurements and included a statement in the “Blinding” section stating that we will not assess the success of blinding.
3. We have checked the protocol items in the WHO trial registration data set and in the Ottawa Statement (Part 2), and where possible, reported these. However, please note that some of the required information is publicly available from the trial registry where the trial is registered (Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry).
4. The title has been changed to include the trial registration number.
5. The term “study protocol” has been included in the abstract.

Changes made to the manuscript “Protocol for economic evaluation alongside the IMpLeMEnt cluster randomised controlled trial [ACTRN012606000098538]” (MS: 3663022211750850) include:

1. A reduction in the length of the manuscript of approximately 1000 words. The current length, excluding the abstract and references, is now approximately 5700.
2. A change in the title to include the trial registration number.

Finally, each manuscript cites the other manuscript. For these citations we have currently included “submitted” in the citation. It would be preferable if these could be updated before the manuscripts are published with the appropriate details. Will this be possible?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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