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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: DART Development Paper for WJMA Tracked Changes).

Title: Development of the Documentation and Appraisal Review Tool (DART) for Systematic Reviews

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) Reviewer Comment: It is not clear whether internal or external reviewers conducted the phase III evaluation. Author Change: Added "internal" to reviewers on page 6 description of phase III evaluation.
- (2) Reviewer Comment: Please provide your definition of a systematic review. Author Change: Added definition of systematic review in the first paragraph of the Background on page 4.
- (3) Reviewer Comment: It would be interesting to know why AMSTAR questions were confusing and difficult to implement consistently. Author Change: Added review of AMSTAR tool in the Results on pages 8 and 9.
- (4) Reviewer Comment: It would be interesting to know more about the issues that made consistent application of R-AMSTAR even more difficult. Author Change: Added further description regarding R-AMSTAR from the Popovich et al paper in the Discussion on page 9.

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References were corrected and items were added to meet formatting requirements.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Meta-Analysis*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rebecca L Diekemper'.

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