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To Whom it may concern,

Thank you for reviewing and providing comments on our manuscript. We have made the following changes in response to the comments:

- "Randomised trials" is now changed to "randomised controlled trials" to better reflect the RCT abbreviation
- "Case control" is now changed to "case control studies" to better reflect the CCS abbreviation
- Reference #20 for Mann BMJ now added and referenced in the table.
- Core tip has been reworded so the version on the submitted now is correct.

Yours Sincerely

**Guy D. Eslick**