

We have responded to the reviewers' comments in all respects:

We have rewritten the abstract and core tip to better represent the scope of the review, especially the fact that the review primarily covers the U.S. population with attention paid to subpopulations where possible.

We have included foreign papers for comparison purposes largely in one brief section.

We have shortened the length of the text by 4 pages, keeping intact the substance and coverage.

We have added a section on added risks to women due to hormone therapy and combined hormone contraception. In order to include one small study (the only one as far as we know) that looked at MI and PCI explicitly in this context, we included here data from a Turkish population.

We have made the conclusions as specific as possible in the short available space.

We have confirmed all references.