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Dear Dr. Sievenpiper

Manuscript ID BMJ.2017.038661.R3 entitled "Food sources of fructose-containing sugars and glycemic control: A systematic review and meta-analysis of controlled intervention studies in people with and without diabetes"

We are nearly there but I am afraid I still need to ask you to make one last change to the paper. It was seen by our patient editor who said the current patient and public involvement statement is inadequate as we have no information about several aspects of this study in terms of public and patient involvement, such as the prioritizing or setting of the research question and outcomes, the analysis, results or the intentions of the authors to disseminate their work to patients and members of the public (We supply guidance as well as examples here [https://www.bmj.com/sites/default/files/attachments/resources/2018/03/PPI\\_in\\_Research.pdf](https://www.bmj.com/sites/default/files/attachments/resources/2018/03/PPI_in_Research.pdf), so perhaps you could use these to thoughtfully construct your Patient and public involvement declaration . This could be one area where even if the the opportunity to involve patients and members of the public in the active phase of the research was missed, you could still do this now. Words and the way we use them can set the tone of the paper, perhaps the clumping of patient/public together could be mitigated by writing this out fully "We were unable to involve patients or member of the public in this research...."

Please send the revised version as a resubmission through scholar one.

Many thanks again.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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