Dear Dr Harold,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the reviewers comments on our brief communication submitted for publication to Nature ecology & evolution. We have changed the manuscript title to “Evidence synthesis for tackling research waste”. We have taken the advice of the Reviewers to widen our focus to Evidence Synthesis using cumulative meta-analysis as one example of tools to help identify (and hence reduce) research waste in our field.

Our manuscript now has two display items in the main document (a Figure and a Table) and a supplementary figure. We have also updated our un-refereed web preprint of our manuscript which is hosted by EcoEvoRxiv Preprints.

Thank you, once again, for taking the time to consider our brief communication for publication.

Kind regards

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