

Author's response to reviews

Title: Socio-economic differences in life expectancy among persons with diabetes mellitus or myocardial infarction: results from the German MONICA/KORA study

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Please find attached our manuscript

"Socio-economic differences in life expectancy among persons with diabetes mellitus or myocardial infarction: results from the German MONICA/KORA study"
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revisions (with the exception of the placement of the tables), as explained point-by point

below.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Mielck

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Authors' contributions: Please indicate that all authors read and approved the final manuscript.

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