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Dear Editor,

Dear reviewers,

We thank the Editor and reviewers for their contribution through the review process in improving the manuscript and the opportunity to submit a new version of the manuscript.

The following changes were done.

Comment 1.
Thank you for your recent submission of the revised manuscript. However, could you kindly clarify in the manuscript if the data you are using are public or not, as this is not clear from the sentence as written now.

Reply:
We apologize about the confusion around the issue. The sentence added in last revision was the rending of what was done as at the time of the analysis, the European Health Interview data were not yet included in the microdata set of Eurostat that can be accessed. However now the European Health Interview data are included among the Eurostat micro data for which Eurostat can grant access for research purposes. Procedures for access are described by Eurostat: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/microdata/introduction

The sentence was rephrased in the section Methods – Data.

Microdata were analysed at the premises of Eurostat. Procedures for application for access to the microdata are given by Eurostat (http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/microdata/introduction).