Dear Editors,

Thank you for your feedback on our submission to BioMed Central Family Practice.

MS: 1636722030218688: A postal survey of data in general practice on the prevalence of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) in patients aged 18-65 in the west of Ireland.

We have addressed the reviewers’ comments as follows:

Reviewer 1

The title of the article indicates that it is sampling in one county in the west of Ireland.

Reviewer 1

In the first paragraph of the introduction we have stated that the reason for our focus on ABI (rather than stroke, TBI, SAH or ICH) is a result of a university/community partnership between the Department of General Practice and the Peter Bradley Foundation.

Reviewer 1
The use of a personalised letter was used to simply ‘personalise’ the request to GPs to participate in our survey. It does not relate to the accuracy of information in the survey.

Reviewer 1

The connection with the Peter Bradley Foundation helped to ensure that the information in the research information leaflet was correct because, in our partnership, they are the ones who have most expertise about ABI. We (academic primary care researchers) drafted material about ABI for the research information leaflet and asked our colleagues in PBF to check and verify the accuracy and relevance of the material.

Reviewer 1 and Reviewer 2

We have added more details about our response rate in the methods section giving details of documented reasons for non-response that were recorded in our fieldwork notes.

Reviewer 2

We have provided more details about the statistical methods used in our analysis.

We have also checked that the revised manuscript conforms to your journal style. Please let me know if there are any further issues in relation to this revised manuscript.

With best wishes,

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