Author's response to reviews

Title: Primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases: a cost study in family practices

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Dear Prof. Wilson,

We hereby submit our revised manuscript entitled ‘Primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases: a cost study in family practices’ for publication in your journal ‘BMC Family Practice’.

We wish to thank you and the three reviewers for the comments, and the time invested in reviewing our manuscript. Thank you for giving us the chance to revise our manuscript MS: 6795928205230707 further. We responded to the remaining three points raised, and changed the manuscript as requested.

We would like to add the following responses to the comments given:

Editor’s comments

1. “Inclusion of a definition of 'blood test related activity' ”

Response: A blood test related activity was defined as ‘explaining the need for a blood test to the patient, filling out a request for a blood test, and/or sharing the blood test results with the patient’. We added this sentence to the manuscript (see Methods / Questionnaire, p.6).

2. “Inclusion of Table C as appendix ”

Response: We included Table C as appendix and referred to the appendix in the manuscript accordingly (see Methods / Time spent on primary preventive activities, p.10; and Appendix, p.25).

3. “Finally, I think there is a problem in categorising lipid disorders as endocrine problems, which could be an issue of language. It would be preferable to replace this phrase with 'known diabetes or lipid disorders' throughout the paper.”

Response: We replaced endocrine diseases with 'diabetes or lipid disorders' throughout the manuscript.
We hope you will find the revised version acceptable for publication. In case of further questions, we are most willing to help.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of all authors,

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