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Dear Editor

It is a pleasure to submit our revised manuscript entitled ‘Towards a clinically useful diagnosis for mild-to-moderate conditions of medically unexplained symptoms in general practice: a mixed methods study’. We are very happy that it has been found suitable for publication.

In the following, we have listed the changes made according to the editor comments:

1) Abstract

Relational continuity is an expression for continuity in the doctor-patient relationship over time. We have added this explanation on p. 2 in the abstract as well as on p. 9 in the results section. Due to the changes, we have had to eliminate a few words from the background section of the abstract to conform to the requirements of maximum 350 words.

2) Concerning RATS guidelines

As requested, we have added a reference to the RATS guidelines on qualitative research (p. 5).

On p. 5 we have located an inappropriately linguistic repetition: ‘In this paper’ (the final sentence of the background section) and ‘In this mixed method study’ (the first sentence of the methods section). Therefore, the latter has been reformulated.