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Thank you for the further helpful review of this paper. The points raised by the reviewer have been addressed and the manuscript amended accordingly.

General

1. The reviewer raised the issue of lack of references to the 3-category measure of seizure frequency. This has now been detailed in the Methods section (page 6 1st Para) and the implications of seizure frequency as a predictor of patient-rated quality of care expanded in the discussion (Page 11-2nd Para).

2. Importance of medical and surgical therapy as crucial. We agree with this and have highlighted this in the Conclusion section (Page 12) as well as in the Abstract (Page 3). The relationship between seizure frequency and GP attitudes has been clarified—with the distinction made between the effect of an individual patients’ seizure frequency on the GP’s attitude and the collective effect of all encounters with people with epilepsy on attitudes (Page 11- 3rd Para).

Minor compulsory revisions

1. The Methods section (Pages 5-7) has been substantially rewritten to make it easier to read and to clarify the use and scope of the attitudes scale and prompt and reminder card.

2. The statistics section has been considerably shortened and additional information on p values provided (Pages 6-7).

3. Numbering and formatting has been done as suggested.

4. An asterix has been added.

Yours sincerely

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