Author's response to reviews

Title: Prognostic value of physicians assessment of compliance regarding all-cause mortality in patients with type 2 diabetes: primary care follow-up study

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Response to second review of reviewer Martha M Funnnel (“Date: 14 April 2006”)

Point 1 (It is still not clear why the authors used the word compliance as opposed to self-management behaviors...”)
Response: We now mention this important issue in the limitations section of the discussion (page 11, para 2, line 7).
Response to second review of reviewer Marcel Adriaanse (“Date: 20 April 2006”)

Point 1: (“Title, p1;…”)
Response: We changed the title accordingly to “Prognostic Value of Physicians’ Assessment of Compliance Regarding All-Cause Mortality in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: Primary Care Follow-up Study” and skipped the 3 words “and other factors” (page 1, title).

Point 2: (“p2, The authors used the term living status…”)
Response: We now used the word mortality throughout the paper (page 2, para 2, last line; page 6, para 3, line 1 and line 2).

Point 3: (“p2. In the Methods section of the abstract…”)
Response: We included the main results of the survey into the results section of the abstract (page 3, para 1, lines 3-6).

Point 4: (“p 2. The second sentence of the results section…”)
Response: We corrected the sentence accordingly (page 2, para 3, lines 1-4).

Point 5: (“p 9, para 2, line 14/5.”)
Response: We clarified the meaning of the sentence (page 9, para 2, last two lines).

Point 6: (“p 9. last paragraph. Still I do not think that Table 5 …”)
Response: We skipped table 5 as required.

Point 7: (“Perhaps my comments about the percentages (%) were not clear…”)
Response: We skipped now all % in the body of tables 2-4 (see tables 2-4).

Point 8: (“I appreciate that the authors updated there references…”)
Response: We further updated the references and replaced the older ones by newer ones (see ref. 2 and ref. 4). We also reduced the number of references to 19.