Author's response to reviews

Title: Stoical patients are more likely to have colorectal cancer

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Dear Prof Hampel

Re: MS: 1537804626608917
Stoical patients are more likely to have colorectal cancer (title changed to: Patients who take their symptoms less seriously are more likely to have colorectal cancer)

We once again thank the reviewers for their comments. Both reviewers now consider that the additional work and changes we made to the paper following their initial comments have addressed their concerns, although **Reviewer 1 (Magdalena Esteva)** has reiterated her suggestion for inclusion in the main body of the paper tables currently provided as additional files. **Reviewer 2 (Alice Simon)** has not suggested any additional revisions.

In response to reviewer 1, we have now included in the main paper the files as requested: additional files 4, 5, 6, and 7 are now included in the paper as tables 3, 4, 5, and 6 respectively. We have also removed the repeated word she identified and have corrected the journal abbreviations in the references.

We trust that this now addresses all the remaining concerns relating to our paper, and look forward to a positive decision about publication.

Yours sincerely

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