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To the attention of the Editor and of the Section Editor:

We tried to revise the paper as you suggest, please find the following changes made:

1) I would not start by saying that the paper seeks to. I would say... “This paper debates the current evidence...” “...and suggests that physicians may”. I think this helps it tie into the debate theme more of the “pros and cons” concept – but feel free to play about with this.

Thanks for the suggestion, this was done, as can be seen in orange in the abstract.

2) Images should be uploaded separately on the submission system and shouldn’t appear in the main manuscript document. However, the Figure title and Legend should be included in the Manuscript. Please can you include a Legend to accompany the title.

OK, it was done.

3) These should appear after the ‘Conclusions’ section. Please also include a ‘Competing Interests’ section.

OK, it was done.

With the hope that the present version may be of interest for your readership,

Sincerely yours

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