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On behalf of my co-authors, please find enclosed the manuscript mentioned above, submitted for consideration to BMC Public Health. The manuscript has been carefully revised and includes changes according with the suggested recommendation emitted by the referee. All changes can be identified because they are highlighted in yellow. In the following paragraph we provide answer – in blue – to the referee´s comments.

Reviewer: Sophie Hawkesworth
Reviewer’s report:
I have one further minor comment relating to the way the p-values have now been reported.
It would be more informative for the reader to have the actual numbers (rounded to the nearest 0.01 - not to the nearest 0.05 as you have done) for both the 'significant' and 'non-significant' values as this cut off is well recognized as being fairly arbitrary.
**Answer.** We agree with reviewer. Accordingly, we now report actual p-values instead of rounded values for both “significant” and “non-significant” values. In the first version of the manuscript we reported actual p-values using 3 decimals, but in the following version the values were rounded to the nearest 0.01 as one reviewer suggested. We have checked how p-values are reported in BMC Public Health and the most frequent way is the one we use now.