Author's response to reviews

Title: Trends in influenza vaccination coverage in Portugal from 1998 to 2010: effect of major pandemic threats

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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to submit a re-revised version of our paper MS: 1914548542734645 "Trends in influenza vaccination coverage in Portugal from 1998 to 2010".

Bellow you will find our detailed responses to editors’ comments. We thank you for providing helpful comments and suggestions that helped clarify and improve the quality of the paper.

Sincerely,
Cátia Sousa Pinto

Answers to editors’ comments:

1. “Tables 3 and 4 have used European style decimal points "," instead of ".". They need to be changed to be in keeping with the journal style.”

   We changed tables 3 and 4 accordingly.

2. “Figure 1. There is a mix of "," and "." used for decimal points. Please use ".". Also, please use the same number of decimal places on each value on the graph. Eg. "17%" should be 17.0%. I would suggest not using decimal places on the y axis labels. Figure 2 is correct, so please follow that style.”

   We changed Figure 1 and also Figure 2 accordingly.

3. “Please include a statement on ethics indicating whether the survey was ethically approved, or if not, then the reason: "For studies involving human participants a statement detailing ethical approval and consent should be included in the methods section.”

   The survey was approved by the National Data Protection Authority (Comissão Nacional de Protecção de Dados) which is in charge of ethical issues and protection of individual data collection in Portugal, and informed consent was obtained from each participant. This information was added to the Methods section.