Title: Awareness of vaccination status and its predictors among working people in Switzerland

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Reply to PA Bovier:

We decided to follow the same track but have changed the way we conducted our analyses.

Compulsory revisions

The problem of representativeness of the sample in the workplace was extensively discussed in the Paper "Methods of the National Check Bus Project", but we have now included a new paragraph in the discussion. One of the two enterprises involved underwent major restructuring during the Check Bus project, which could have negatively influenced the participation rate. Reminders were also not sent out and the Check Bus visited the different companies sites only once. We did not have access to data of non-participants and could not compare participants with non-participants in order to detect any bias due to differential participation.

We have improved Table 3
The continuous predictors have been defined into groups for easier interpretation groups. We chose reference groups that describe risk factors for higher awareness and represent at least 10% of the sample. We have now categorised each level of response for the continuous scale.
We changed Table 1 into Figure 1 and we now refer to all tables in the results section.

Reply to Carolyn Bachino

Firstly, thank you very much for editing our paper. All annotations have been included in this revised version.

Discretionary revisions

TBE data have been included for the whole of 2000 as well 2001.
We have included the variables of the logistic regression analysis from the bivariate analysis, which did not remain associated with awareness of tetanus vaccination status.
Well-being is now hyphenated.

Compulsory revisions

The background has been changed in abstract.
In the discussion section we deleted the sentence that stated German-speaking employees were more aware but not French.
The sentence on page 2 that vaccine safety concerns are "unsubstantiated" has been removed but more references have been included about other safety controversies.

The sentence on page 5 stating that the facts indicate that tetanus vaccine effects may last longer than 10 years has been deleted.

The text is now in American English.