Author's response to reviews

Title: The comparative burden of salmonellosis in the European Union member states, associated and candidate countries

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Dear Dr Iratxe Puebla,

We hereby respond to the comments given by Henriette de Valk on our manuscript with the title: The comparative Burden of Salmonellosis in the European Union Member States, Associated and Candidate Countries, version 2.

The authors decided to cite the English IID study. I would suggest they cite the figures on laboratory confirmed cases instead of, or in addition to, the number of cases presenting to GP, because the estimate of the Swedish study also concerns laboratory confirmed cases. **Answer:** We have now added the number of laboratory confirmed cases and deleted the number of cases in the community.

The following editorial changes made:

1. Title changed to sentence case.
2. Tables now orientated in portrait
3. Figure cropped

Best regards

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