Author's response to reviews

Title: Patient satisfaction of primary care for musculoskeletal diseases: A comparison between Neural Therapy and conventional medicine

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Dear Sirs

Thank you reviewing our article entitled “Patient satisfaction of primary care for musculoskeletal diseases: A comparison between Neural Therapy and conventional medicine”

According to the comments of the reviewer, we revised our article. The following paragraphs provide a summary of our revisions:

We clarified issues on treatment frequencies and treatment volume for patients with musculoskeletal diseases. We added the respective numbers in the results section (first paragraph) and replaced the term “treatment frequency” with “proportion of patients” in the discussion (first paragraph of discussion).

The paragraph discussing a limitation referring to the selection bias of physician was deleted.

An additional paragraph aimed at the relationship between patient satisfaction and duration of consultations was included in the discussion (last paragraph). It is, however, not possible within the setting of observational research to provide evidence of causal relationships.

The paragraph “Clinical implications” was deleted and partially incorporated into the conclusions.

The description of the EUROPEP instrument was extended and a rationale of using mixed effect models for statistical analysis is given (M&M section).

All changes based on the comments of the reviewer are marked yellow in a accompanying document.

In addition, the article was edited by a native English speaker and multiple corrections were made.
We now resubmit the article for your consideration to be evaluated by the committee of reviewers.

We look forward to your thoughts and comments regarding this article.

- Yours sincerely

- A. Busato