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We are extremely grateful to the reviewer for pointing out these shortcomings in the manuscript. We have rectified them to the best of our ability and hope that they are up to the reviewer’s satisfaction.

Thanks and Regards,

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Responses to Reviewer’s Report:

Major compulsory revisions

1. Tables:
these need to be formatted so that figure line up with those above and below figures and % need to added up and checked to make sure they add up to 100%
e.g. in Table 2 first box the % does not add up to 100%-if there is missing data anywhere this needs to be acknowledged.

Response:
Done as recommended. Percentages add up to 100%. Where the total is not 400, it has been mentioned with a reason.

2. Where educational levels are mentioned e.g. up to class 12 are mentioned an explanation needs to be given in the general methods text as to what this means so that readers can put this in context

Response:
The explanation for the categorization has now been added to the methods section as suggested.

3. This needs to be carefully checked throughout again as there are still some problematic sections specific examples include
e.g. p 4 text should read 'raison d'etre'

Response: This correction has been made.

p5 invalidated should read unvalidated

Response: This has been corrected.

p10 had done graduation/postgraduation-should be rephrased e.g. were graduates/postgraduate

Response: This sentence has been rephrased.

p13 receiving an advice-an needs to be removed

Response: This change has been made.

There are still some statements that need referencing:
Response: A new reference (reference 23) has been added as suggested by the reviewer.

p10 Helsinki declaration

Response: This has been referenced (reference 24) as suggested.

p16...propagated through this mechanism

Response: The phrase has been removed from the text as it was inadequately referenced. It is no longer a part of the text and should therefore not be problematic now.

p14 health exists in the- this should be removed

Response: This has been removed as suggested.