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Re: MS: 4551797358246130 – PHSkb: A knowledgebase to support notifiable disease surveillance

Dear Dr. Puebla;

On behalf of my co-authors and I, thank you for additional review and acceptance of this manuscript for publication. We have addressed all of the requested formatting changes. Regarding the trademark symbol appearing near the name of the database, we have removed this symbol from the title page, but have retained it in the abstract and in the first appearance of the PHSkb name in the background section. The purpose of the trademark symbol is simply to encourage integrity between the name of the database and the database itself. We have no plans to register the trademark and the intellectual property contained in the database is freely available and not protected or restricted by patent or copyright. Neither the authors nor the funding agency have any financial or commercial interest in the database.

Below is a detailed list of minor formatting changes that have been made to the manuscript.

- Trademark symbol has been removed from the title page;
- Word count has been removed from the title page;
- Disclaimer has been removed from the title page and placed at the end of the author contributions section;
- Last subheading of abstract has been changed to conclusions, and the change has also been made to the abstract details on the submission page;
- Table one has been moved from the body of the text to the tables section;
- Information regarding additional files has been reorganized into a tabular format appearing in the additional files section. Brackets [] have been used instead of parentheses ( ) when citing additional files within the manuscript text;
- References 2 and 3 have been updated to more recent versions of the same information;
• Due to broken web links, references 13 and 19 have been updated to reflect changes to the web pages of source material;
• Page 8, next to last sentence, procedure and medication have been changed from plural to singular to be consistent with wording in Figure 1.

Thank you for your acceptance of this revised manuscript.

Sincerely your,

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