Author's response to reviews

Title: Cost-Effectiveness of Monitoring Glaucoma Patients in Shared Care: an Economic Evaluation alongside a Randomized Controlled Trial

Authors:

Kim M Holtzer-Goor (goor@bmg.eur.nl)
Esther van Sprundel (evansprundel@home.nl)
Hans G Lemij (hlemij@me.com)
Thomas Plochg (t.plochg@amc.uva.nl)
Niek S Klazinga (N.S.Klazinga@amc.uva.nl)
Marc A Koopmanschap (koopmanschap@bmg.eur.nl)

Version: 5 Date: 10 November 2010

Author's response to reviews: see over
Submission of revised manuscript (MS: 9206910473385012)

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter covers the changes that I have made in the last stage before publication of our manuscript entitled “Cost-Effectiveness of Monitoring Stable Glaucoma Patients in Shared Care: an Economic Evaluation alongside a Randomized Controlled Trial” (MS: 9206910473385012).

We have made the requested changes: we changed style for the author names, removed all highlighting and tracking from the document, renamed the method section and we removed the visible vertical as well as some of the horizontal lines from the tables.

We did manage to crop the figures as well, although we wonder whether it is readable in the PDF format that will be published on your site. We would like to have a last look at that, if possible.

We took the opportunity to make the following final corrections:

Page 8, line 28: we added “over time” to the last sentence;
Page 9, line 13: optometrist has been changed to optometrists;
Page 9, line 20: we inserted “of” in the heading of the section on identification of costs;
Page 13, line 7: analysis has been changed to analyses;
Page 14, line 9: visit has been changed to visits;
Page 14, line 12: we inserted a hard return (because of the possible misinterpretation of the value -0.6mmHg);
Page 16, line 1: we changed is to was;
Page 16, line 27: we inserted “of” at the end of the line;
Page 20, line 14 and 15: replications has been changed to replicates;
Page 20, line 28: we inserted “the” after that;
Page 22, line 9: we inserted a comma at the end of the line;
Page 22, line 12: 30 month was changed to 30-months;
Page 23, line 17: we inserted a full stop at the end of the line;
Page 28, line 5 and 6: we removed the semicolon and full stop at the end of the lines;

We changed the lay out of all tables to improve the readability of the table after removing the vertical lines. In table 1, we also rescheduled the order of the activities (to improve the readability), we inserted a space between *** and Humphrey, we changed lift in left and criteria in Criteria.

Finally, we combined figure 2a with figure 2b to get one figure of the cost-effectiveness planes as recommended in the online figure guide.

Yours sincerely,
Kim Holtzer-Goor

Erasmus MC, Institute for Medical Technology Assessment
PO Box 1738
3000 DR Rotterdam
The Netherlands
Telephone +31 10 4088539
Fax +31 10 4089081
Email: goor@bmg.eur.nl