**Author's response to reviews**

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Dear Dr. Marshall,

We are in receipt of your kind letter of 11 February, 2011 related to the publication of the above manuscript in the *BMC Health Service and Research*. We revised the manuscript in accordance with the reviewer’s recommendation.

More specifically, the reviewer asked us for checking that we have listed all the assumptions of the approach, as readers will not necessarily be familiar with these. In response to the reviewer’s suggestion, we carefully read the previous comments of the reviewer again, and added a new sentence before the study hypothesis as follows; “assuming that the orthopedists have a primary right to be located where they are, and do not require redistribution themselves, we would like to determine if the expansion of judo therapy in Japan since 1998 has been equitable between urban and rural areas, rather than concentrating in the urban areas where orthopedists have already been established.” (Page 4 Lines 19-22)

We hope that our revision is satisfactory enough to be accepted. We look forward to hearing from you.

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