Author's response to reviews

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Dear Dr. Pafitis,

We would like to thank the editor and reviewers for the extensive and instructive comments detailed in your letter from July 25, 2013. We have incorporated the Editor's suggestions in the manuscript. Below we will detail, item by item, our response to the Editor's recommendations.

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS:**

This analysis [sensitivity analysis of the effect of copied lifestyle counseling on the E&M billing level that did not include note length as an explanatory variable] should be shown in an appendix and referenced in the text.

We have included the results of the sensitivity analysis in Table 2 in the Appendix and referenced it in the text as advised by the Editor.

The text should reference key findings in the tables. Therefore, the table should include odds ratios.

We have included the odds ratios in Table 4 as recommended by the Editor.

Reference categories should be noted for categorical variables in Table 4. All acronyms should also be spelled out.

We have indicated all reference categories and spelled out all acronyms in Table 4 as advised by the Editor.

I would also recommend that the authors keep the original title.

We have restored the original title as recommended by the Editor.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about this manuscript.

Yours sincerely,
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