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Comment: (Discretionary revision) - Although I am reasonably satisfied that all of my comments have been adequately addressed, I would suggest making it even more explicit that countries that retain full sovereignty over their currency and can control their debt have much more freedom with regard to maintaining, reducing or even increasing health system expenditure during a crisis.

Response:

Insert: Discussion Section, End para 1:

It would be expected that those countries that retain economic sovereignty and have room for manoeuvre with their debt levels will be more financially resilient.