Author's response to reviews

Title: Heart failure guidelines and prescribing in primary care across Europe

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Dr. Tikki Pang,
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Subject: Re-submission of final manuscript

Dear Dr Pang,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled: "Heart failure guidelines and prescribing in primary care across Europe".

We would like to thank the reviewers and the editorial team for the constructive comments and support. The manuscript has been changed according to the formal requirements. Please find details of the revision below.

Sincerely,

Heidrun Sturm, MD, MPH

Formatting changes requested

Title - The title has been shortened to:
Heart failure guidelines and prescribing in primary care across Europe

Affiliations - authors affiliations have been adapted.

Keywords section - has been removed

References - format has been adapted to in text numbers in square brackets.

Footnotes - have been removed:
1 [list of countries]: was inserted in the text in ( ) in the first sentence of the methods section.
2 "France: a special journal edition with articles by individual authors, Russia: publication by an individual author from the national ministry of health.": was deleted, as the information is contained in Table 1.
3 "except the oldest, Dutch CBO": was inserted in the text in ( )in the results-section
4 "except the oldest, Dutch CBO": in the discussion section was deleted.

Highlighting/Tracking - has been removed
Manuscript sections: they follow the required outline. Summary and Conclusions has been renamed to Conclusions.

Competing interests - has been completed.

References - The reference list has been adapted to the journal's style, et.al was replaced in all cases with complete author’ list.

Figures - unchanged.

Tables - Table 1’s orientation was changed into portrait.