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Title: Development of Abbreviated Measures to Assess Patient Trust in a Physician, the Medical Profession, and Health Insurers

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Dear BioMed Central Editorial Team,

Thank you for the careful review of Development of abbreviated measures to assess patient trust in a physician, the medical profession, and health insurers.

We have responded to the reviewers comments. First, we simplified the analysis section to clarify our procedures: we did the analyses in the national and NC samples. All subgroup analyses were dropped. We did not split the sample as suggested by the reviewer due to concerns about a lack of statistical power related to the reduced sample sizes. However, we are confident in our results because we found stable results in two independent samples.

A description of the items used to measure satisfaction with the physician, adherence, and willingness to recommend has been enhanced and references added where possible.

The explanation for why 5% and 13% of the samples were not used stems from lack of complete data on analytic variables.