Author's response to reviews

Title: Determinants of the range of drugs prescribed in general practice: a cross-sectional analysis

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Dear editors,

Thank you for accepting our manuscript (in principle) ‘Determinants of the range of drugs prescribed’ for publication in BMC Health Services Research.

We further improved the manuscript in response to reviewer 3:
- concerning the first statement under Major Compulsory Revisions: throughout the manuscript we have used the phrase ‘a useful instrument’; especially the second paragraph of the discussion section addresses the issue of guidelines.
- concerning the second statement (about the introduction): at GP-level we have also used age and gender of the GP; the references mentioned have been added to the introduction.
- concerning the third statement (about the discussion): Wettermark et al. and Bergman et al. themselves write about the DU90% as a quality instrument. The fact that they didn’t find a relationship with adherence to a local formulary is mentioned in the discussion (second para). The range could be used in addition to more drug-specific measures like the one used in the study of Muijrrers.
- concerning the statement under Minor Essential Revisions: this has been left out.

We think we clarified the manuscript further and look forward to see the publication.

Best regards
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