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*According suggestions of Mark Harris, in the new revision we have included the next sentence in Methods section:

Persons in low socioeconomic position showed higher frequency of majority of the chronic diseases, such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, heart diseases, stomach ulcer, musculo-skeletal problems or hernias

*We also have clarified the availability of data. In the new revision we have included in Methods section the next paragraph:

The data are publicly available accessing to web of Ministry of Health (http://www.msc.es/estadEstudios/estadisticas/estadisticas/microdatos/frmBusquedaMicrodatos.jsp).

*We have revised this new version of manuscript conforms to the journal style. Also we have carried out the suggested changes in the “Competing interests” and in the “Contributions” sections.