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Dear Editor,

We send you back our final version of the manuscript. We have included all the formatting changes requested and also the language corrections suggested by one of the reviewers. We detailed point-by-point all the changes made in the manuscript:

Formatting changes:

- We have rewritten the affiliations of the authors following the required structure. The CIBERESP affiliation corresponds to a research network that covers the whole country. That is why we don’t include a department or a city. The Direction Committee of this network decided that the affiliation to the CIBERESP should be written in this way.

- The members of the IRYSS Network have been listed at the end of the acknowledgements section.

- The additional file has been described following the required format and has been mentioned in the text (in the third paragraph of page 8).

- The titles of the figures have been eliminated and we only include them in the figures section of the manuscript. We have also changed the font of the figures to arial.

- We have tried to minimise at maximum the white space around the figures.
Language corrections:

- At the end of the second paragraph of page 15 we have introduced “as” in the following sentence: “…it has to be set up as an information system able to both incorporate and apply this new information.”

- The last footnote of table 2 now reads: “The speech dimension was not included in the analysis as none of the patients had difficulty with it.”

We hope that this new version of the manuscript conforms to the formatting requirements of BMC Health Services Research journal and could be acceptable for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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