Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor

Please find our revised manuscript ‘Validation of exposure assessment and assessment of recruitment methods for a prospective cohort study of mobile phone use and health (COSMOS) in Finland: a pilot study’ by S Heinävaara, K Tokola, P Kurttio and A Auvinen attached. The manuscript has been revised due to the comments by one reviewer and the Environmental Health Editorial Team.

We thank the reviewers for their work. The reviewers 1 and 4 did not have further comments on the manuscript. The report of reviewer 2 is below with our replies:

1. The manuscript needs editing for style and clarity.
   Response: The manuscript has been edited to a large extend for style and clarity.

2. In the second first paragraph of the discussion, the transition from the second sentence to last sentence is abrupt. Perhaps it could be smoothened by prefacing the last sentence with “A second key finding was that...”.
   Response: The sentence has been changed as suggested.

3. The first sentence of the Conclusions section tilts in a different direction than the first sentence of the Discussion, but this difference may only be of the “glass half-full versus half-empty” variety.
   Response: This is true. To clarify the conclusions a new sentence has been added to the Conclusion.

All the changes requested by the Environmental Health Editorial Team have been made. This includes, for example, that

- the title page has been corrected
- the manuscript has been checked for the English syntax and grammar by a native speaker
- the underlining has been removed
- 95%CI has been used throughout the text
- the list of abbreviations has been added
- the blank page has been removed
- the authors’ contributions have been modified
- the references have been corrected
- in the tables, all horizontal lines are visible
Unfortunately there were problems with blank pages in the previous version of our manuscript. Therefore new version of the manuscript was uploaded several times. Sorry for inconvenience.

Sincerely yours

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