Author's response to reviews

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Response to reviewers comments.

I would like to thank Ann Aschengrau for reading the paper again and adding a few comments.

Below you will find the reviewers comment in italics and my response without special formatting:

Abstract:
"OR 2.5" should be "OR of 2.5"

Corrected as suggested.

Page 12: "75% of the cases is recalled" should be "75% of the cases are recalled.

Corrected as suggested.

Page 13: "from the non-participant" should be "from non-participants"

Corrected as suggested.

Page 13: "would not be affected by such a selection" should be "would not be affected by such self-selection"

Corrected as suggested.

Page 13: You state that removing Poland only marginally changed the estimates in the combined analyses across countries. Were these changes in any particular direction? If yes, state which direction.

Removing Poland did not change the estimates in any particular direction, and therefore this is not further commented.

Tables: I don't not think that the statistically significant findings should be bolded.

I removed bolding of significant findings in the tables, but in table 4 it can not be directly seen from the numerical values with confidence intervals which are significant different and I included a footnote specifying this instead.