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Concerning – resubmission revised manuscript “Effect of comorbidity on health related quality of life of injury patients in the first year following injury: comparison of three comorbidity adjustment approaches”

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you for reconsidering our manuscript entitled “Effect of comorbidity on health related quality of life of injury patients in the first year following injury: comparison of three comorbidity adjustment approaches” under the condition that we revise it as recommended by the handling editor.

To express our gratitude regarding the input of the handling editor to improve the manuscript we have included acknowledgements to the handling editor in the paper.

The handling editor suggested to remove all references to "goodness of fit tests were significant". We agree with the reviewer and have adjusted the text.

Secondly, the handling editor remarked that “the interpretation of Table 4 based on the corrected ICC figures now fails to mention the most important point, which is that none of these comorbidity corrections do a good job for mild conditions (those with DW below 0.2.” We have adapted the discussion (page 12, line 3-5) and conclusions (page 15, line 12-14) sections, as well as the abstract. They now reflect this critical point.

The article is revised on the Population Health Metrics web page. The specific
revisions due to the review comments have been highlighted. In case of further queries we are most willing to help.

Kind regards,

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