Author's response to reviews

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To the Editors:

Please find below a point-by-point response to the peer review and editorial comments.

Referee (Prof. Peter Lee)

Comment 1 (The Statistic value on page 10 should be rounded down to 48%)

We agree with this observation and rounded down our statistic to 48% as suggested by Prof Lee. All other statistics were reviewed to ensure they were rounded up or down adequately considering the complete numbers presented on table 1.

Comment 2 (The last sentence on page 5 should end with “OR survey, and generated 250 results”)

This typographical error was corrected and the sentence now reads as recommended in this comment.

Comment 3 (The text on page 5 does not indicate whether there was any overlap among the search results totalling 534)

We corrected the wording on page 5 and 6, which now reads “534 search results” instead of “534 publications”, hence clarifying that we selected 29 eligible publications from the 534 search results obtained.
Comment 4 (Suggestion to add an additional table for results on studies conclusion) on GD

We have now inserted a new Table 2 (on page 27) entitled “Distribution of results on the evidence of GD”. As suggested, this table provides the reader with the information contained in Table 1, and gives a better overview of the evidence-based conclusions, stating whether the study was validated, and showing the outcomes for single condition studies and for the populations studied by region.

Once again, we would like to thank Prof. Lee and the editors for their additional comments on our study. In revising our manuscript, we have addressed each one of their comments and reformatted our abstract accordingly.

Sincerely,

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