Author’s response to reviews

Title: Reasons for encounter by different levels of urgency in out-of-hours emergency primary health care in Norway. A cross sectional study.

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Dear Editor.

Thank you for your positive response.

We have now uploaded a new version of the manuscript with the necessary corrections. Please see below for our comments to the reviewers.

We are looking forwards to hearing from you again.

Kind regards

Guttorm Raknes

Reviewer 1

Minor:
- Abbreviation for ICPC-2 is still missing in the abstract
RESPONSE: ICPC is now written in full also in he abstract.

- The abbreviation of ICPC is made both on page 6 and page 7
RESPONSE: It now only appears on page 6.
- ICPC-2 contains 15 chapters. When the author write 'component 1 and 7' refers it to the chapters?

RESPONSE: No, the numbers within each chapter are organized within components. We realise this is confusing, and have simplified form l6, p. 7:

“Only codes for symptoms and complaints (codes 01 to 29), and diagnoses and diseases (codes 70 to 99), were applied.”

- Please be consistent with the use of names: RFE groups/ICPC-2 groups, ICPC-2 codes /ICPC-2 RFE's/RFE ICPC-2 codes, ICPC-2 chapters/RFE chapter.

RESPONSE: The use of names has been revised. We now consistently use the following terms:

ICPC-2 chapter
ICPC-2 RFE code
RFE group

- In table 2, the '%' is missing in 'Mean Age (+/- SEM)'

RESPONSE: There is no % missing, it is the SEM of Mean age (absolute number). The proportion with unknown age is in %.

Reviewer 2

Minor revisions:

p 12, line 39: alarm is -> alarm is

p 19, line 57: thin in -> than in

RESPONSE: We have made these corrections.