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Dear Sir,

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Please find attached a document with our responses to the Executive Editors comments and the new version of our manuscript.

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Abbreviations

COSA: Certification of sickness absence; GP: General practitioner; FGD: Focus-group discussion.