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Title: How well do general practitioners know their elderly patients' social relations and feelings of loneliness?

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Dear Editors

Thank you for the comments and for the preliminary acceptance of the paper. We have corrected the three issues you requested.

1. In results on page 10 first para (Lines 185-6), the sentence: “Given these distributions and the limited number of missing data, this has not influenced the results.” Does not belong in results but could be included in the discussion.

   This line has been deleted from the results and it was already mentioned in the discussion.

2. The reason for not including the other 2 Danish Health Survey questions in the conditional distribution analysis (ie because of the correlation to the loneliness question found in your prior study on the patient questionnaire) should be stated in the text of the paper.

   This has been added in line 135

3. The lack of a pilot study of the questionnaire should be mentioned as limitation in the Discussion.
This has been added in line 235

We have also done some minor changes e.g. in table titles and changed the wording of the questions in the tables so they were identical in all tables.

Kind regards

On behalf of the authors Tina