Author’s response to reviews

Title: Limits of the social-benefit motive among high-risk patients: A field experiment on influenza vaccination behaviour

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Re: PUBH-D-19-01368R3: Self-regard motivates patients with high-risk perceptions to vaccinate more than altruism: Exploratory evidence from a field experiment

Thank you for accepting our paper contingent on the two change below. Both of which we have attended to.

1. Trial registration
Your study falls within the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)’ definition of a clinical trial: any research study that prospectively assigns human subjects to one or more health related interventions to evaluate the effects on health or biological outcomes. As such, Biomed Central requires that a Trial Registration Number (TRN) is provided in order for the manuscript to be published.

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RESPONSE 1

We have added the relevant information to the abstract

“Trial Registration. ClinicalTrials.gov NCT04230343 Retrospectively registered on the 13th January 2020”

2. Pamphlet
In the Figure legend for Fig S1, please indicate the permission obtained to publish the NHS Pamphlet. If permissions have not been obtained, the figure needs to be removed, and replaced by a reference instead.

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We have removed the figure and just now provided a web-link to it.

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We hope that these changes make the paper now suitable for publication in BMC Public Health.

Yours sincerely

Eamonn Ferguson (on behalf of all authors)