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Title: How to reform western care payment systems according to physicians, policy makers, healthcare executives and researchers: A discrete choice experiment

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you for your reply concerning the revision of our manuscript MS: 1382816611461104 entitled “How to reform western care payment systems according to physicians, policy makers, healthcare executives and researchers: A discrete choice experiment” to BMC Health Services Research (Section: Health policy, reform, governance and law).

You asked us to include an explicit statement in the MS that the study did not require ethics, according to regulations (with a reference supplied), or that an ethics committee waived the need for formal approval.

We have attended to your request and added in the Methods section of the manuscript (Section 2.3 Questionnaire development, lines 170-173) that “The medical ethics committee of the University Hospitals Leuven - UZ Leuven, Belgium, waived the need for a formal approval of the study, due to the non-interventional nature and because the study is not directed at patients. We obtained a written informed consent from all participants.”

We hope this version of the paper meets with your approval.

Sincerely,

Roselinde Kessels, Pieter Van Herck, Eline Dancet, Lieven Annemans and Walter Sermeus