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Title: A cross-sectional study assessing the association between online ratings and structural and quality of care measures: results from two German physician-rating websites

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your comments regarding our paper. We appreciate your comments and the work of the reviewers and are happy to address them in our revised work. As you will see we have reworked several parts of the paper in order to improve it. Among others, we have made the following changes:

- An academic native speaker proofread the entire paper again.
- We discussed more in detail the representativeness of our studied sample.
- We added further results giving a more detailed impression of the data by showing a scatterplot (bivariate) for each single correlation analysis as an appendix.
- We implemented the suggested paper(s) into the discussion of our findings.
- We highlighted the new contribution of our paper even more clear.

We would like to thank all of the reviewers and the editor for their helpful comments. We believe we have addressed each concern that the reviewers mentioned and think that this will increase the impact of the study.

We are looking forward to reading your response.