Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Thanks for your comments.

We corrected the sentence in Ethics section. It was an oversight, while in the text of the manuscript we had already reported accurately the procedures followed concerning ethical issue. We specified also how the informed consent was asked to GPs and patients involved in the study.

We clarified the concept of co-location we used in our study and we provided an overview of co-location experiences in western countries. In particular, we added a paragraph that describes the main experiences implemented within the 34 countries analysed in the study, in the light of the key characteristics of their health system and their primary care sector. In appendix, we added a table with these data for each country, which should help the reader to follow our lines of reasoning.

Finally, we specified better the relationships between the research questions and the methods we used in the study, also through a table that synthetize the multilevel regression models applied to answer each question.

All the integrations are marked in yellow in the text.