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Dear Editor,

Thank you for sending us the reviewer’s positive feedback. Below, we report the revisions we have made according to these indications, point by point.

First of all we made a little change in the title, by removing the abbreviations. If it is not possible, please consider the old one.

1. We formatted the abstract using the following headings: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions

2. In the Ethics section, we included a table reporting an overview of the ethics committees in each country.
3. In the Ethics section, we reported that written or oral informed consent was requested in accordance with the legal requirements in each country. We mentioned also the specific reference where all details are provided: Groenewegen P, Greß S, Schäfer W. General Practitioners’ Participation in a Large, Multicountry Combined General Practitioner-Patient Survey: Recruitment Procedures and Participation Rate. International Journal of Family Medicine, Volume 2016 (2016), Article ID 4929432.

4. In the Authors’ Contributions section, we specified the individual contributions of all authors to the manuscript, clarifying that SH interpreted and discussed the results, revised and approved the final manuscript, with all the other authors.

5. We removed any institutions or bodies that directly funded this work from the Acknowledgements section. We included the source of funding for our study in the Funding section.

6. We provided a list of all the abbreviations used in the manuscript and we removed them from the title.

7. We included email addresses for all authors in our title page.

8. We provided figure titles/legends under a separate heading of 'Figure Legends' after the References.

9. We removed the appendices from our main manuscript and include them only as additional files.

10. We added a section "Additional files" (after the References/Figure legends) where you listed the required information for each additional/supplementary file (3 separate files).

11. We are uploading our manuscript as a single, final, clean version. The other files are: tables, figures and additional files. All files are 6.

Sincerely,

Manila Bonciani