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We thank the editor for the examination of the manuscript and useful comments on the quality of the paper.

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• Comment 1. Please have the text edited by a professional language editing service or a native English speaking colleague. There are many issues with grammar, wording, spelling, and/or punctuation that need to be addressed.

Authors’ reply 1. This paper is edited by a professional language editing service and double checked by a native English speaking colleague. We now assume that all grammar issues have been corrected.

• Comment 2. Please have your manuscript revised according to the Consolidated Health Economic Evaluation Reporting Standards (CHEERS) and include the CHEERS checklist as Supplementary file.

Authors’ reply 2. Please find the complete CHEERS checklist in the attachment. All of the CHEERS items applicable to a piggy-back economic evaluation were already described in our manuscript, so no further adaptations were needed here. For each item, the line numbers where you can find the relevant information are indicated in the checklist. In addition, we refer to relevant tables and figures.

• Comment 3. Have you performed any probabilistic sensitivity analyses (PSA)? If so, please include this in your manuscript.

Authors’ reply 3. A PSA is a form of stochastic analysis that is relevant for model-based economic evaluations. Our study is not a model-based study but was performed alongside a clinical study (referred to as piggy back economic evaluation). For this type of study, the recommended form of stochastic analysis is a bootstrap analysis, as described in lines 200-208 of our manuscript. Although we performed stochastic analyses, we do not use the term PSA here, as this is restricted to use within another methodological context.