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Answer to reviewer and to the editorial requests

Reviewer reports:

Reviewer #6: I believe that the authors have dealt with the reviewer comments satisfactorily. One optional comment is that I suggest the authors to include DALYs calculation formulas and disability weights in the Appendix in order to facilitate reproducible research.

--> Thanks. All the requested information for reproducibility are now cited in the methodological Appendix.

Editorial Requests

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