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## **ARTICLE DETAILS**

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	The risk factors for repetitive doctor's consultations due to cough:
	A cross-sectional study in a Finnish employed population
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## **VERSION 1 - REVIEW**

REVIEWER	Woo-Jung Song Asan Medical Center, University of Ulsan College of Medicine,
	Seoul, Korea
REVIEW RETURNED	14-Apr-2019

GENERAL COMMENTS	The revision has rendered the manuscript more appropriate for publication. Now I have just a few suggestions.
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REVIEWER	Surinder Birring
	Kings College Hospital
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GENERAL COMMENTS	My comments have been addressed in the revised manuscript.

## **VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE**

Reviewer(s) Reports:

Reviewer: 1

Reviewer Name: Woo-Jung Song

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Authors' reply: We have now tried to express the main question more clearly at the end of the introduction.

2. Page 10; It was very notable that psychological domains in LCQ were more closely associated with repetitive doctor's consultations than others. I suggest to present the data in detail as a table (or any proper format), and also to consider adding it in Abstract's conclusion.

Author's reply: This data is now presented in the new table 5. However, we feel that this is not the main finding of the present study and thus would not like to mention these findings in Abstract.

Reviewer: 2

Reviewer Name: Surinder Birring

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