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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We are puzzled by your suggestion to send our manuscript to an editing company which is deeply perplexing to us, and largely unjustified we believe, for the following reasons:

1. Three out of the four authors are British, and English is our first language. All authors reviewed the manuscript and modified the language during the first revision.
2. All authors are graduates of US and UK institutions. Between us we have Bachelor degrees from the University of Miami, University College London; Master's degrees from the University of Bedford and Imperial College London; medical degrees from University College London (x2); University of Birmingham and University of East Anglia and PhDs from University of Birmingham and Imperial College London. This is an elite list of universities, whereby the courses are based in England and run solely in English- therefore we simply cannot accept that our collective experience and research publication record so far (Dr Vassiliou alone has more than 80 peer reviewed publications on Pubmed) is considered inadequate to draft a short editorial. We wonder actually whether this comment was put here in error- as certainly such a comment was not requested during the original review.
3. Even when we read it now, we cannot identify the parts of the manuscript that we feel would warrant change.
4. Between us we have publications in the NEJM, Lancet, Circulation, JACC and at no stage were we asked to use a professional language company before as simply the command of English language we have has been excellent.
5. Dr Vassiliou is an Editorial Board Member of WJC, but also a Senior Editor at an Oxford University Press Journal, an Editor at a SAGE journal and an Associate Editor at a Nature Springer Journal. He too fails to understand which parts need improvement. He feels that had this manuscript been submitted to one of the high impact factors journals he works with, the command of English language would have been very acceptable.
6. We wish therefore the Editor-in-Chief to reconsider their opinion, guide us at which parts of the manuscript they feel merit improvement (which we truly cannot find) or hopefully be content with our technical responses and accept the manuscript. We sincerely hope that his comment was put in error.

We have now provided a 5 word running title as suggested (highlighted in yellow).

We have modified the references as suggested (highlighted in yellow).

We truly hope that you are happy to accept this Editorial. If you insist on a Professional Editing Service I am afraid that we will be deeply offended and unable to proceed with this publication in WJC, which will be sad for us, but our integrity about our skills is important to the whole team.

Kind Regards,

Ioannis Merinopoulos