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This paper is rather well-written but has a number of textual issues which I have tried to help resolve within the manuscript PDF that I have uploaded. The approach and conclusions are acceptable; however, they are anchored to the time period of data origination in the cited references. Although the time value of different currencies has been adjusted to the US dollar, it is hard to determine if inflation in healthcare costs and in the different economies has been anticipated. While an answer to this question may not be available in the material reviewed, it certainly will be relevant to policy-makers. I favor adding some estimation of this consideration to the discussion.

We thank the reviewer for the outstanding work in revising our manuscript. We corrected the highlighted text issues. Moreover, the useful considerations related to time mismatch and possible inflation issues were added in lines 429-438.