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Thank you for revising the new version of our manuscript. We are very pleased to read the positive review provided by R Jay Widmer.

Concerning Cheryl Bushnell’s minor revisions, we would like to state the following:

1. Patients with speech disorders unable to understand the advice were not included in the study.
2. Medication reminders might indeed be a reasonable extension of the current CAPSYS implementation. This issue is now addressed in the discussion section of the manuscript. Page 13, lines 6-11:
   “Another important issue concerning risk factor reduction in the stroke prevention context is the topic of medication adherence. In order to support users in regularly taking their antihypertensive or cholesterol-lowering medication, CAPSYS could be extended to incorporate prompts in its automatically generated feedback messages asking the users if they have taken their prescribed medication according to their individual medication plan.”