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Dear Editor,

Attached is our finalized submission for BMC Family Practice of the article:

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We have undertaken the requested revisions. Specifically, we have made the following changes:

- Revised the title page so that it follows the journal's specifications.
- Addressed your comment regarding the footnote on page 5 (this is part of footnote 1 but for some reason the text was flowing onto page 5 but not appearing as visible).
- Addressed referee 5s comment that we need to explain why our paper only focuses on family medicine through adding the following sentence:
  - Because of the importance of continuity of care to the practice of family medicine, including for the treatment of episodic conditions, and because family doctors provide first-contact care and thus are centrally involved in establishing informational continuity across the continuum of care, family practice thus serves as our focus.
- We strongly considered referee 5s request to distinguish between continuity within practice (i.e., multiple providers) and with clinicians (i.e., single provider). We consistently use the term practice in this article and do not think it would be useful for us to revise throughout to introduce the separate idea of single clinicians. Where we refer to a singular clinician we use the word 'doctor' (as in family doctor). Thus, we do actually address differences between practices and clinicians in the article already.

We look forward to seeing this article in print.

Best regards,  
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