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Title: Bayesian Methods to Determine Performance Differences and to Quantify Variability among Centers in Multi-center trials: The IHAST Trial

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Dear Dr. Aldcroft,

We are submitting the revisions to our manuscript for publication in BMC Medical Research Methodology. Originally, our manuscript was titled: “Bayesian Methods to Determine Performance Differences among Centers: Examples from the IHAST Trial”.

After the excellent revisions from the editor and reviewers, we changed the title of the manuscript to “Bayesian Methods to Determine Performance Differences and to Quantify Variability among Centers in Multi-center trials: The IHAST Trial”.

We believe this is an important paper because the methodology can be used to determine performance differences among hospitals or physicians within a unit. We also believe that the current version of the manuscript is highly improved with the recommended revisions from the editor and the reviewers.

Thank you for your consideration of our work and we look forward to your decision.

Best regards,

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