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Dear Dr. Norton,

re: Bayes rules for optimally using Bayesian hierarchical regression models in provider profiling to identify high-mortality hospitals by Peter C Austin.

I would like to thank you for accepting in principle the above-noted manuscript for publication in BMC Medical Research Methodology. The following formatting changes have been made in accordance with the editorial office’s instructions:

Title: The formatting of the title has been changed to use sentence case (all unnecessary capitals have been removed).

Keywords and word counts: These have been removed.

Conclusions: I have inserted a Conclusion section after the Discussion.

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