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Dear Dr. Edmonds

Thank you for accepting our manuscript “Factors prompting PSA-testing of asymptomatic men in a country with no guidelines: a national survey of general practitioners” by authors Frances J Drummond, Anne-Elie Carsin, Linda Sharp, Harry Comber, (MS: 1062348605210018) for publication in BMC Family Practice

I have addressed the formatting changes detailed and described them below.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Drummond

Major revisions

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