Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Emma:

We are pleased that our publication has been given conditional acceptance to BMC Geriatrics. We have responded to the reviewers' minor comments as shown below:

Reviewer 1 (JRM):
1) We have now included that a case-by-case comparison of the results was made from the computer and the manual reviews in the methods section (page 9) as suggested by the reviewer.

Reviewer 2 (DH):
1) We have clarified the wording for the heading of Table 1 to state: "Inappropriate prescribing practices outlined in McLeod guidelines that were excluded in the current study". We feel that this title now sufficiently clarifies that we modified the guidelines for our study.

Sincerely,

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