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Dear Editorial Board,

attached I may send you our manuscript with the title “Feasibility and impact of an intensified antibiotic stewardship programme targeting cephalosporin and fluoroquinolone use in a tertiary care university medical center”. Our trial indicates that an intensified ABS programme targeting cephalosporin und fluoroquinolone use in the setting of a large academic hospital is feasible and sustainable. Using interrupted time-series analysis we demonstrate a significant intervention-related decrease in the consumption of cephalosporins and fluoroquinolones (p<0.001) outperforming the decreasing baseline trend. The intervention may serve as a model for other services and hospitals with a similar structure and baseline situation.

The revised submission contains now the required ethics statement and a “Acknowledgements” section.

Kind regards,

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