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Dear Mrs Roxane Rajabi,

As you asked in the mail on 13.1.2011 I am answering point by point:

- para 1 methods, the phrase was rewritten;
- para 2 methods, it was explained the reason for which the three hospitals were choosen;
- para 2, results, we accepted the correction;
- para 1, discussion we made the correction;
- final paragraphs the phrase was rewritten;
- para 3, results, we reached 100% specificity so it is clear that the term was in the letter of discharge;
- penultimate paragraph, we explain our point of view;
- As I wrote in December 2010 because I sent you our work in July 2010 and the study of Van Herck was published in August. The article of Van Herck was a step beyond the goal of our paper, so we could consider it in the paragraph discussion and conclusion.

We have reviewed all the English spelling and we have improved the style.

Best Regards
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