Author's response to reviews

Title: Optimization approaches supporting an adaptive bed management

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Dear Sir or Madam,

we would much appreciate if you could consider our paper *Optimization approaches supporting an adaptive bed management* for publication in the journal BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making. Our research comprises the development and implementation of a decision support system, following a novel approach with respect to adaptable and up-to-date ward and bed usage estimations. The results show that both the patients and the hospitals benefit from the computer-aided decision support in the planning process of elective patients.

In our opinion, our research fits well in the scope of the eminently respectable BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making journal.

Furthermore we strongly believe in the advantages of open access research publication providing fast access for everyone in the research community.

We look forward for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

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