Author's response to reviews

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Re: Manuscript submission

Dear Editor,

Please find our manuscript entitled, ‘Developing model-based algorithms to identify screening colonoscopies using administrative health databases’ that we are submitting for your consideration for publication in BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making.

We have made the following revisions in response to your suggestions (highlighted in the text).

1. We added the following sentence on ethics (page 7): ‘Prior to study inception, ethics approval was obtained from the Institutional Review Board in the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University and the local research ethics boards’.

2. We added a section on competing interests (page 13).

COMPETING INTERESTS
There are no financial or other competing interests.

2. We added a section on authors’ contributions (page 13).

AUTHORS’ CONTRIBUTIONS
MJS conceived of the study, participated in the study design, coordination, and drafting of the manuscript.
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