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Dear Ms Calumpita,

enclosed please find the revised version of the manuscript **MS: 2027006844674636**

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We thank our reviewers for their valuable comments and suggestions which significantly improved both clarity and precision compared with the initial version. In order to ensure an easy traceability of the modifications made, please kindly note the attached point-to-point response.

As recommended by the journal editors, we also carefully adapted the entire manuscript according to the guidelines of “BMC Health Services Research” and sought the assistance of an English language editor.

All our analyses refer to a claims data set which is not openly available. The data were provided by AOK Bavaria Statutory Health Insurance Fund according to national data protection laws for the purpose of the excess cost study and closely related research questions.

We are convinced that the reworked manuscript addresses all previous points of concern in a satisfying manner and thus resubmit our paper for your kind consideration for publication in “BMC Health Services Research”.

We would be glad if you consider the manuscript for publication.

Yours sincerely,

Larissa Schwarzkopf

Enclosed:

- Manuscript (excess_costs_dementia_revised.doc)
- Point-to-point Response (point_to_point_response_excess_costs_dementia.doc)
- Figure 1: Unadjusted mean expenditures per year for dementia patients and non-demented control subjects
- Figure 2: Age-dependent cost profiles for health care long term care and formal care

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