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Dear Dr. Patel:

Based on a request for two minor revisions prior to proceeding to peer review, I am resubmitting the manuscript “Awareness and Management of Chronic Disease, Insurance Status, and Health Professional Shortage Areas in the REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS): A Cross-Sectional Study” for consideration for publication in the BMC Health Services Research.

We have made the following changes:
1) Inserted a sentence (Methods, 1st paragraph) verifying that all study participants provided written informed consent prior to enrollment
2) Inserted a sentence (Methods, 1st paragraph) specifying the approval of an institutional review board prior to the start of the study.

Please let us know if you have any questions about these changes. Thank you again for your consideration of this manuscript for publication.

Sincerely,

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