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Re: Patient characteristics associated with hospitalisations for Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions in Victoria, Australia

Dear Ms Pafitis

We are pleased to submit a revised version of the manuscript titled “Patient characteristics associated with hospitalisations for Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions in Victoria, Australia” for publication in BMC Health Services Research

We have made the following revisions to the manuscript:

1. Ethics Statement

"VAED administrative database is used in this paper. No human subjects or research on human subject was conducted. The data used are de-identified and we i.e. the Health Intelligence Unit (HIU) are the secondary data custodians. As such, no ethical approval was taken for publishing this data"

a. This statement has been included on pg. 18 of the manuscript.

We suggest a bio-statistician for reviewing the statistical methods in this study:
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