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Dear Ms Calumpita,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Shirley Porterfield's review of our paper. I have changed the wording of the research questions to emphasise identification of risk factors rather than patterns of health service use.

I have also added a page after the conclusions section for a competing interests statement, authors contribution, acknowledgements and a sponsor statement from the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency.

Yours sincerely

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