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Dear Editorial board,

With this letter we would like to submit our revised article “A survey study to validate a four phases Development Model for Integrated Care in the Netherlands” to your journal. We would like to thank the reviewers for their valuable feedback. Enclosed you will find an overview of the feedback and our response to it. Almost all suggestions are used for the revision of our article. We think the result is an improved article about an up to date topic. We would like to comment, that our main issue in this article was the empirical validation of the evidence- and expert based phases of the Development Model for Integrated Care (DMIC) in a large number of practices by consulting integrated care coordinators. Our purpose was not to assess the psychometric properties of the survey itself. The more detailed information about the process of the development of the model including the four phases, can be read in our previous published articles which address these topics. Two of those articles has also been published into your Journal.

We think our revised article about the development of integrated care and the validation of the DMIC can be of interest for many of your readers. Next to new knowledge about this issue, the paper delivers input for a quality management tool which has the potential to steer and guide the development, policy making and research in integrated care which is a relevant issue in a large number of countries.

Enclosed please find a copy of our revised article and the overview of the feedback. We hope our article will now meet your criteria to be published into your Journal. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Because of my maternity leave and the birth of my son the writing of our revised version took some extra time, for which I apologise.

We look forward to your response and thank you in anticipation,

Also on behalf of my co-authors,

Yours sincerely,

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