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Dear Ms Cruz,

Thank you for your consideration of our manuscript entitled “The prevalence and ingredient cost of chronic comorbidity in an Irish elderly population with treated type 2 diabetes: A retrospective cross-sectional study using a national pharmacy claims database”. In response to your email dated the 9th of August, the following revisions have been made to the manuscript:

1. Contextual information has been added to the background section of the abstract. The background section of the abstract now reads “In patients with diabetes, comorbidity is associated with poorer health and increased economic cost. The aim of this study was to investigate the prevalence and ingredient cost of comorbidity in patients ≥ 65 years with and without treated type2 diabetes using a national pharmacy claims database.”

2. The pharmacy claims data upon which this study is based is not freely available for public use. Permission to use the database was obtained from the Irish Health Services Executive – Primary Care Reimbursement Service. We have added the following statement to the end of the first paragraph in the methods section of the revised manuscript “Permission to use this database for research purposes was obtained from the HSE-PCRS”.

I hope that these revisions will be to your satisfaction and thank you for the opportunity to re-submit this manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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