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Dear Sirs:

We are pleased to submit the original manuscript entitled “Predictive risk modelling in the Spanish population: a cross-sectional study” to be considered as an original article in *BMC Health Services Research*. The paper is submitted through the electronic system of the Journal.

In the present study, that included all patients in the Basque Country (Spain) over 14 years of age, we evaluate the capability of different models to predict healthcare costs and identify patients that will be high consumers. Such models are based on three case-mix systems (Adjusted Clinical Groups, Diagnostic Cost Groups and Clinical Risk Groups) and, also, incorporate some socio-economic variables. We consider that this information is under the scope of the Journal and will be of the interest of its readers.

All the authors participated in the design of the study, collaborate in interpretation of data, critically reviewed and gave final approval to the manuscript. The authors declare that no conflict of interest is present.

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Thank you very much for your attention to our submission.
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