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Dear Dr Pafitis,

On behalf of all the authors, I would like to submit our paper entitled “Protocol for a randomised blocked design study using telephone and text-messaging to support cardiac patients with diabetes: A cross cultural international collaborative project”. This manuscript is not under consideration nor has been published in any other journal or other citable form.

This manuscript is a study protocol of an intervention using telephone and text-messaging to support cardiac patients with diabetes across different cultural contexts of Australian and Chinese people in Taiwan. Ethical approvals from all participating study sites and universities have been obtained and have been specified in our manuscript within the Ethics Considerations section. These include approval from Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee: Ref No: HREC/10/QRBW479, Mater Health Services Human Research Ethics Committee: Ref No:1662A, Queensland University of Technology Human Research Ethics Committee: Approval No: 110000297, Buddhist Tzu Chi General Hospital Institutional Review Board: IRB099-112. I believe this paper is suitable for BMC Health Services Research as it reports an innovative intervention addressing global chronic health care problems.

I have endeavoured to present the paper in the format stipulated for publication in your journal, but should you consider changes are necessary, I would be pleased to modify the paper to address your nominated requirements.

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Each of these reviewers has extensive knowledge on quantitative research methodologies and delivering new models of health care as well as experience with international collaborative partnerships.

Thank you for considering this paper. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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