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Dear editor,

We have made relevant changes after receiving the feedback of our initial submission. We would like to respond item by item about the adjustment we have made and about the questions you raised.

• We made an adjustment of the title to make it more appropriate for the content of the paper.

• We made an adjustment of the structure of the paper to meet the format requirement of the journal.

• The data which were collected by the National Institute of Hospital Administration, P.R.China are not freely available. I myself as a director am the main responsible person for the data collection and our institute are responsible for the permission of use of the data. Please refer to “Additional file 1” for the grant of use of the data for publication.

• Authors’ contributions are clarified as following: I have developed the primary framework of this research; Dr. Hao Li has written the final manuscript after making substantial improvements by strengthening each section of the paper and taking inflation effect into consideration; Prof. Tingfang Liu has strengthened the discussion part concerning hospital accreditation and hospital scale etc to improve overall efficiency.

• We also standardized the format of references. In order to make readers easy to find relevant Chinese articles that we quoted, we put the Chinese titles in the references.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our paper for potential publication.

Best regards,

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