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Answer to your Mail from 16. July 2013

Dear Sirs,

thank you for your first formal revision of our submission MS: 3708139201027085. In detail we

revised the title page, changed the title to: “A METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH TO IDENTIFY EXTERNAL FACTORS FOR INDICATOR-BASED RISK ADJUSTMENT ILLUSTRATED BY A CATARACT REGISTER”, reduced the abstract text by 15 words and introduced the sections LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS and COMPETING INTERESTS.

The database on quality in cataract surgery (MONIKA) we refer to is based on an anonymised register. Therefore we did not apply for an ethics committee approval. We provide this information now in the method’s section. Since MONIKA is no clinical trial it is not registered.

The Data of the MONIKA database is not publicly available. We provide this information now in the methods section.

With kind regards,

Ursula Hahn