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Dear Editor,

Please consider our manuscript entitled “Clinically Relevant Quality Measures for Risk Factor Control in Primary Care: a retrospective cohort study” for publication as an Research Article in BMC Health Service Research as proposed by Dr. Barnard.

The paper describes a study to evaluate therapy modifications in response to poor control of hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes in primary care. Potential overtreatment of cardiovascular risk factors was examined.

The paper is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, and there is no previous or duplicate publication of any content of the manuscript. The manuscript has been prepared in the format requested by BMC Health Service Research.

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