Author’s response to reviews

Title: The effectiveness of substitution of hospital ward care from medical doctors to physician assistants: A study protocol

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Dear editor,

On behalf of all co-authors I would like to resubmit our manuscript study protocol, titled “The effectiveness of substitution of hospital ward care from medical doctors to physician assistants: A study protocol” for consideration for publication in the BMC Health Services Research journal.

In addition to the manuscript which we submitted at July 23, we made the following changes:

- We added a paragraph about the ethical considerations
- We transferred the fragment about competing interest from the title page to the page after the discussion section
- ‘Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre’ was changed into ‘Radboud university medical center’ because the hospital officially has changed its name.

Besides, I would like to emphasize that this research has received ethics approval from the research ethics committee of the Radboud university. The grant was received from a major Dutch funding body. Proof of both ethics and funding were already provided.

We hope for a positive decision from the editorial board of BMC Health Services Research and are looking forward to your response.

On behalf of all authors, yours sincerely,

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