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To: Editorial staff, BMC Health Services Research

Re: Revision of manuscript MS: 1165076523105626 - An analysis of patient house calls in the area of Attica, Greece

Dear Editorial staff,

We revised our manuscript according to the editorial suggestions. Specifically, we performed the required changes in order our manuscript to confront to the style of the journal. Also, we added the “Authors’ contributions”, “Competing interests” and “Acknowledgements” sections.

As far as research ethics is concerned we state in the methods section of the manuscript that the Ethics Committee of SOS doctors, Athens, Greece, approved the study. No individual informed consent was obtained from the patients for this retrospective observational study. The analyzed data are derived from 98,009 house calls made by SOS doctors in the area of Attica, Greece during the 5-year study period. The analyzed data refer mainly to the use of this health service (number of visits and their temporal distribution as well as the reasons for the visits).

Please do not hesitate to communicate with me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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