Author's response to reviews

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Dear editor,

We are delighted that you accepted our manuscript ‘Design of a retrospective patient record study on the occurrence of adverse events among patients in Dutch hospitals’ for publication in BMC Health Services Research.

We made minor changes in the manuscript and are mostly textual:
- Page 1: Author ‘P Groenewegen’ is changed in ‘Peter P Groenewegen’
- Page 3: In the background, the sentence ‘Insight in preventable adverse events can offer a starting point for specific interventions to enhance patient safety quality of health care in Dutch hospitals’ is changed in ‘Insight in preventable adverse events can offer a starting point for specific interventions to improve patient safety in hospitals’
- Page 4: ‘…..and 11 general hospitals (out of 71)’ is changed in ‘…..and 11 general hospitals (out of 78)’
- Page 6: ‘(Figure 2)’ is changed in ‘(Figure 1)’
- Page 14: ‘RW has set up the web-based program ProMlse, managed the acquisition of data, facilitated data control during and after data collection and contributed to the statistical data analysis’ is changed in ‘RW has developed the review forms within the web-based program ProMlse, managed the acquisition of data, facilitated data control during and after data collection and contributed to the statistical data analysis.
- In box 1: ‘hospitalization’ is changed in ‘hospitalisation’
- In box 2: ‘anemia’ is changed in ‘anaemia’
- Missing arrows in the figure in box 3 are added
- Page 6, 10, 13, 17: ‘Trigger(s)’ is changed in ‘screening criteria’

Together with this letter we have submitted the definitive version of the manuscripts and appendices. We hope it is acceptable for publication. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information.

On behalf of the co-authors, yours faithfully,

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