Author's response to reviews

Title: Design of a retrospective patient record study on the occurrence of adverse events among patients in Dutch hospitals

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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 the next changes in the manuscript::

- Page 1: the text ‘Study Protocol’ is removed
- Page 1: the websites are removed from the affiliations
- Page 7: the website address is removed from the text and cited in the reference list (on page 16)
- Page 4: ‘Method’ is changed in ‘Methods/Design’
- Page 4: ‘…..and 11 general hospitals (out of 78)’ is changed in ‘…..and 11 general hospitals (out of 74)’
- Page 17: the tables are moved to after the figures section and the figure names and legends are added
- Page 18: the boxes are changed in tables and the references to the tables are changed in the manuscript.
- Page 15: all author names are added to the reference list
- Figures (diagram review process and timing AE): titles, figure numbers and legend are removed.

In your email you mentioned that the last section of the abstract must be titled ‘Trial Registration: listing the trial registry and the unique identifying number’. However, our study is not a trial but has an observational study design.

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,

Marieke Zegers, MSc