Dear Sirs

In addition to the changes requested by your editorial staff in an email dated 4 June 2007, the following minor changes were made to MS 9032627211956773.

Abstract:

The acronym “HAART” was changed to “ART” in two places in line with the rest of the manuscript.

Methods:

In the first line on page 7 the comma following (IQRs) was replaced by a semicolon.

Results:

The reference to Table 2 was moved from the first to the second paragraph of the results (page 7).

The reference to Table 2 was corrected to Table 3 in the last sentence of the first paragraph on page 8.

The reference to Table 3 in the second paragraph on page 8 was removed.

The phrase “eight months” in the third paragraph on page 8 was replaced with the more accurate “32 weeks”, in line with the rest of the manuscript.

The reference to Figure 1a was moved up two sentences in the third paragraph on page 8.

The word “latter was added to the subclause “…although this latter stay was extended by a nosocomial infection.” for clarification in the third paragraph on page 9.

The parenthetical remark “(1628 days per 100 PYO)” was corrected and expanded to “(16,128 versus 1954 days per 100 PYO in the pre-ART period)” in the second paragraph on page 10. The sentence beginning “Removing them lowered…” was removed from the second paragraph on page 10.

The parenthetical remark “(569 visits per 100 PYO)” was moved to the end of the final sentence in the second paragraph on page 10, and adjusted to read “(569 versus 597 visits per 100 PYO)”.

Discussion:

The final sentence on page 10 was clarified to read: “Removing the frequent scheduled primary care visits required prior to commencement does not reverse this latter effect.”
The final sentence of the first paragraph on page 13 was changed from “The inclusion of prospective hospital utilization studies into…” to “The inclusion of prospective hospital utilization studies in…”

**Figures & Tables:**

The numbering of Tables 2 and 3 were reversed, in line with the order of references in the text.

The title of the last column of Table 2 was corrected to read “Patients with no inpatient stay”.

The following footnote from Table 2 was removed since it is inaccurate: “Numbers in parentheses are rates per 100 patient-years of observation.”

The word “demand in the title of Table 3 has been changed to “utilization”, in line with the rest of the text.