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Title: Data for Improvement and Clinical Excellence: Protocol for an Audit with Feedback Intervention in Long Term Care

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Dear Dr. Foy,

On behalf of our research team, I’m submitting a protocol manuscript for review. This project, “Data for Improvement and Clinical Excellence (DICE),” was funded by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation with matching funds from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research. The study is currently underway, and we believe that this protocol will be of interest to the readers of Implementation Science.

While audit with feedback interventions are not new in implementation science, our study has some important and unique features. First, it is being conducted in long term care settings, which is rare; relatively few studies of implementation interventions have been conducted in these settings. Second, the intervention period is 13 months, with monthly feedback reports derived from data that are routinely collected in these facilities. Third, the intervention targets include non-professional caregivers, a group that has received very little attention in the implementation science literature.

Finally, we are conducting a systematic process evaluation of the intervention and its uptake, which we believe will yield important information about how well the implementation was received, and which aspects were successful.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this for peer review, and I am happy to answer any
question you or other members of the editorial board may have.

Many thanks,

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