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Subject: Manuscript re-submission, including CONSORT checklist.

Dear Editor-in-Chief, Dear Mr Wilson,

We are very pleased that *Implementation Science* is interested in publishing our study protocol. Attached, you will find the carefully checked version of our manuscript, titled ‘PEARL study: Improvement of hospital care for patients with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Study protocol for a cluster randomized controlled trial’.

As suggested, we checked if all items of the CONSORT checklist were included in our manuscript and made our manuscript compatible to the journals’ style. Next to a few minor textual changes, some information was added to meet with the checklist items:

- Page 6: …stratified by hospital size (small, medium and large). The contact persons of all participating hospitals will be informed of the allocation after collection of the baseline measurement.

- Page 7: The CCC will use the cancer registry to make a list of potentially eligible patients in the participating hospitals. Form each list, the first 25-30 patients will be selected, listed according to day of birth.

Two additional files have been added to our submission: a track changes version of the manuscript (including all changes made) and the completed CONSORT checklist, as requested.

Yours sincerely,

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