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Title: Developing Outcome, Process and Balancing Measures for an Emergency Department Longitudinal Patient Monitoring System using a Modified Delphi

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Dear Prof. Kock Wiil,

Thank you very much for your email and we are delighted that are manuscript has been accepted for publication based on the revisions suggested below.
We have addressed all of these in the revised submission and changes to the text are highlighted in yellow.

Reviewer comments:

Abstract
1. Appropriate and reflects the article

Background
1. Appropriate and provides a good background to the study.
   - Thank you

Methods
1. The study design is well described, possibly with too much information provided regarding 'yield' of each stage or step. The specific yield should be removed and included in the results section.
2. The methods is quite wordy, and could be presented in a more succinct way. Removal of some of the 'results' will assist with this.

Results
1. Interesting and well described under the three main sub headings. A description of the flowchart would be better placed in this section, as described previously.
   - We have restructured the methods and results sections, removing some duplicate content and placing the flow diagram into Results section as recommended.

Discussion
1. The discussion reads quite well and appears to reflect the findings.

References
1. Appropriately listed

Tables
1. Tables are both reasonable and add to the manuscript.
2. Figure 1 useful.

Overall, an interesting study which will be of interest to the ED audience.
   - Thank you very much.
With best wishes,

Dr. Marie E. Ward on behalf of all the authors.