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Dear Dr. Krüger,

on behalf of myself and my coauthors, I would like to thank you for finding our manuscript being potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Medical Research Methodology. Below, I describe how I have addressed the editorial comments. I attach a clean version of the manuscript and the figures.

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