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Title: High-performing physicians are more likely to participate in a research study: Findings from a Quality Improvement Study

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Dear Editor

Thank you for your interest in publishing our paper.

In the following pages we list the editor’s comments and indicate how each was addressed.

We thank you for the opportunity to disseminate our work.

With regards

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Technical Comments:

Please accept our apologies for the delays you have experienced with your manuscript. Following the minor revisions outlined below we should be able to approve your manuscript.

1. Thank you for providing details of access to the data within your methods section.

Please add details regarding any administrative permissions were required to access the raw data to the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

Response:

• We added on page 16: “Access to ICES data was obtained following the submission of our data analysis plan to that organization.”

Please state also who granted permission in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

Response:

We edit the paragraph on page 6: “Family physicians agreeing to participate signed an informed consent form. That form included permission to access their provincial health administrative data held at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES).”

2. Please only use the 'Acknowledgements' section to acknowledge anyone who contributed towards the article who does not meet the criteria for authorship including anyone who provided professional writing services or materials.

Any funding or conflicts of interest statements should be included in the “Funding” and “Competing Interests” sections respectively.

Response:

This statement was moved to Funding: “This study was supported by the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES), which is funded by an annual grant from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC).”
This sentence was deleted from Competing Interest: “The authors declare that they have no competing interests.”

These sentences were moved to the Competing interest section: “The opinions, results and conclusions reported in this paper are those of the authors and are independent from the funding sources. No endorsement by ICES or the Ontario MOHLTC is intended or should be inferred.

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And this sentence was moved to the methods section: “The datasets were linked using unique encoded identifiers and analyzed at ICES.”

Please include any other remaining information presently included within this section within the main manuscript.

Response: Information within the ‘Acknowledgments’ section pertaining to support from ICES, funded by the MOHLTC, is now included in the ‘Funding’ declaration section. Subsequent information pertaining to dataset creation is now included in the ‘Dataset Creation’ section of the main manuscript.