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Dear Dr Zhu

We appreciate the consideration given our manuscript “Challenges of one-year longitudinal follow-up of a prospective, observational cohort study using an anonymised database: recommendations for trainee research collaboratives” and were pleased that it was reviewed favorably. Please find our responses to the reviewer and a summary of the changes that were made.

Editor Comments:

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Thanks for highlighting. This has been updated and Table 4 cited in text as below:
“Following this study, a summary of recommendations for future multi-centre collaborative studies with longitudinal follow-up were developed and presented in Table 4.”

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Thank you for reviewing the manuscript and all the help from the journal for considering our revised submission

Yours sincerely,

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