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Dear Dr. Tsiligianni,

Please accept the attached revised manuscript MS:1086454961144341, “Quality of asthma care under different primary care models in Canada: a population-based study”. The manuscript has been revised to address the editorial requests:

1. "There is no ethics statement present. Please add the ethics approval statement or a statement saying that ethics approval was not required (supplying a reference to confirm this) or that a named ethics committee waived the need for specific ethics approval.

   Authors’ response: We have added the ethics statement in the methods section on page 11 of the revised manuscript. The paragraph states that our study was approved by the institutional review boards at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario. For the purposes of this research informed consent was not required. The Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) is named as a prescribed entity in Section 45 of the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA – Regulation 329/04, Section 18). Under this designation, ICES can receive and use health information without consent for purposes of analysis and compiling statistical information about the Ontario health care system.

2. "Please add all authors to the Authors’ Contributions section, giving their specific roles."

   Authors’ response: We have amended the authors’ contribution section on page 17 to provide more specific details on the roles of all authors.

We hope that our responses to the editors’ suggestions and revised manuscript will be to the satisfaction of the Editors. On behalf of the co-authors I would like to thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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