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Dr. Tovah Aronin
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Dear Dr Aronin,

On behalf of my co-authors and myself, I submit the revised manuscript entitled “INTEGRA study protocol: Primary Care Intervention in Type 2 Diabetes Patients with Poor Glycaemic Control” for consideration for publication as a study protocol in BMC Family Practice. The qualitative phase of our study protocol has been removed from the protocol and only the quantitative phase has been included. We have also applied the corrections suggested by the Editorial Board (see below) in the manuscript and all the changes implemented are marked in yellow in the manuscript. I would want to remark that although
I am the corresponding author the order of authorship is as follows: Àngels Molló, Anna Berenguera, Esther Rubinat, Bogdan Vlacho, Manel Mata, Josep Franch, Bonaventura Bolíbar, Dídac Mauricio (in the author list my name appears in the first position and it should be at the end). All author details on the revised version are correct, all authors have agreed to authorship and to order of authorship for this manuscript and all authors have the appropriate permissions and rights to the reported data.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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Dear Dr Mauricio,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript, "INTEGRA study protocol: Primary Care Intervention in Type 2 Diabetes Patients with Poor Glycaemic Control" (FAMP-D-17-00014), to BMC Family Practice.

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In accordance with the Editor’s recommendation the qualitative phase of our study protocol has been removed from the protocol and only the quantitative phase has been included. The results of the qualitative phase has been discussed in the discussion section (page 22, line 522)

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