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Title: Psychostimulant prescribing trends in a paediatric population in Ireland: A national cohort study

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Dear Editorial Team,

We should be most grateful if you would consider our paper: ‘Psychostimulant prescribing trends in a paediatric population in Ireland: A national cohort study’ for publication in BMC Paediatrics. We had initially submitted this article to BMC Health Services Research and the editorial team suggested that the scope of the article was a better fit with your journal.

This original article examines the prescribing patterns of psychostimulants from 2002-2011 in children aged 0-15 years using data from the national Health Service Executive Primary Care Reimbursement (HSE-PCRS) General medical services Scheme. The cost of prescribing is also examined in the study. The paper is of interest to your readers as it focuses on a topical area of psychostimulant among children. The paper also represents one of the first national studies to examine prescribing trends over a 10 year period in this population. We have highlighted important areas for future clinical and research focus, based on the findings from our study.
All authors have read the final version of the manuscript and are happy with the content. We declare no conflict of interest in relation to the paper. We include the entire paper for your records and look forward to hearing from you. If this paper is considered for publication, we would be delighted to edit it as you see fit.

Kind Regards,

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