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Dear Editor BMC Medical Informatics & Decision Making,

Please find enclosed our final revision original article entitled “Are family physicians comprehensively using electronic medical records such that the data can be used for secondary purposes? A Canadian Perspective.”

We have corrected the typo and modified the sentence requested by the reviewer and we have added the following as requested by the editor: As a prescribed entity under Ontario’s Personal Health Information Protection Act, ICES is authorized to collect and use personal health information from health organizations and clinics without consent for the purposes of health system evaluation and monitoring. Additionally, ICES is prohibited, under its agreements with data providers, from contacting individuals whose information has been entrusted to ICES. This contractual obligation restricts any opportunity to seek individuals’ consent for use of their information.

All other formatting requests have been addressed. Thank you for accepting our manuscript. We look forward to reviewing the proofs.

Sincerely,

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