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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Editorial Board of *BMC Health Services Research*,

thank you very much for accepting our manuscript “Safety and Effectiveness of a Patient Blood Management (PBM) Program in Surgical Patients - The study design for a multi-center prospective epidemiologic non-inferiority trial” (MS: 9020630121239504) for publication!

We addressed the editorial revisions as follows:

1. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation
We sent copies of the original ethical approval and a translated version to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com.

2. Funding
We received funding from commercial organizations, as stated in the 'competing interests' section of the manuscript. The study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body.

3. Study status
The study is still recruiting patients.

4. Related Articles
No results of the study have been published or submitted anywhere.

Sincerely yours,

Dania Fischer