Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editorial Team,

Dear Mr Morrey and Mr Lambert,

Dear Mr Giray

Please find the details of our second revision in this letter. We hope we could address all recommendations and editorial requests.

We quoted recommendations are in italic type.
Referring to Mr Böhler’s comments:

Discretionary Revisions in manuscript p. 6

line 9: Hospital quality reports for 2012 have been published (instead of will be published)
corrected

line 21: focus on instead of focuson
corrected

Editorial request:

1.) Please move ethics statement into Methods section. The sentence starting ‘Data used in the study do not involve..’ can be removed. Where you state the data are publicly available in this statement, please provide links to this data.

We placed the ethics statement at the end of the Methods section. The mentioned sentence is deleted. The links are provided. (page 8)

2.) Please state if there was any funding for the study in the Acknowledgements section. The section on Abbreviations can be removed as there are none. Before re-submitting the revised paper, please check through for clarity and use of language. For example, there are some additional words in the title of the abstract, etc.

We added the statement that there was no funding in the Acknowledgements section.

“This study received no funding.”

The Abbreviations section is removed. We revised the language.

Sincerely,

Dr. Werner de Cruppé