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Dear Dr Maria Elisabeth Johanna Zalm and Dr Shona Reeves,

Thank you very much for your valuable suggestions to our manuscript "Effect of a typical systemic hospital reform on inpatient expenditure for rural population: the Sanming model in China" (BHSR-D-18-01894).

We have revised the article according to the suggestions. In brief:

1. We added a "Declarations" heading after the Conclusions section.

2. We added a list of all the abbreviations used in the manuscript, and placed the list before the Declarations section. All abbreviations were defined in the text at first use.

3. We upload our manuscript as a single, final, clean version. All figures, tables, and additional files are cited in the text.

All authors have read and approved the revised manuscript, and there are no financial or other relations that could lead to a conflict of interest.

If you have any further question or any suggestion about our revised manuscript, please contact me. We are very grateful for your input.
We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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