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Dear Editor:

We are pleased to receive the e-mail regarding our manuscript which indicated that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Health Services Research. We appreciate the constructive comments from the editor and the reviewers, and the opportunity to submit this revised manuscript. Please find enclosed our manuscript and responses in a point-by-point fashion below.

Sincerely,

Yuichi Imanaka,
Assistant Editor comments:

1. Authors’ Contributions

--Currently, the contributions of author [KF] do not automatically qualify them for authorship. In the section “Authors’ contributions”, please provide further clarifications on their contributions, and see our guidelines for authorship below.

Response: The previous version of our manuscript contained insufficient information on authors’ contributions. We have updated the correct information on contributions of the author [KF].

2. List of Abbreviations

--We note that some abbreviations used in the manuscript text have not been included in the ‘List of Abbreviations’ section. Please ensure that all abbreviations present in the text are listed in this section.

Response: We have added SD and JCARE-CARD to the list of abbreviations.

--Please move the 'List of Abbreviations' so that it is placed just before the 'Declarations' section, after the 'Conclusions' section. All abbreviations should still be defined in the text at first use.

Response: We have ensured the position of the ‘List of Abbreviations’ (page 16), although we have already posted the ‘List of Abbreviations’ before the 'Declarations' section, after the 'Conclusions' section in the previous version of our manuscript.
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Response: A clean version of the manuscript has been uploaded along with the Figure and the Additional Tables.