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We have made the following changes to the manuscript:

- Added the email addresses of all authors to the title page
- Added the country for NHS Human Services to the title page
- Added the “Competing Interests”, “Authors’ Contributions”, and “Acknowledgements” sections to the body of our manuscript
- Placed Table 1 in body of the manuscript

In addition, all ethical approval documents and funding approval documents have
been sent to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com The ethical approval documents include approval letters from the University of Pennsylvania’s Institutional Review Board. There is one letter for each year that the study was conducted. Each letter is endorsed and signed by a contactable person from the University of Pennsylvania IRB. The funding approval documents include the Notice of Grant Award Letters from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. There is one letter for each year that the study was conducted, as well as a letter for the no-cost extension year, during which our team will conduct data analysis. The Notice of Grant Award Letters are endorsed by AHRQ Program Official, Janice Genevro, Ph.D.

Our study protocol was peer-reviewed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality on August 16, 2010. Currently, the study is ongoing. We are collecting data and will perform data analysis in the coming months. No publications containing results of this study have been published or submitted to another journal.