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Dear Ms. Handfinger

Thank you for your positive reply. We are very pleased that the manuscript "Validation of the Basel Extent of Rationing of Nursing Care instrument" has been accepted for publication in /Nursing Research/.

You will find the revised items (page 5, table 1, and factor analysis information: 1-factor solution) in the attachment. Further, please find attached the permission of the co-authors for the open peer review. If you required it, I herewith give my permission for open peer review the relevant publication. Prof. De Geest also gave her permission for open peer review. Will this verbal permission be adequate, or will it be necessary for Prof. De Geest to provide a written document on this effect?

Also, a small error has recently come to our attention: in the submitted manuscript version we neglected to add the initial 'P' to the name of co-author Dr. Sean (P.) Clarke. He is indexed in /Medline/ as Clarke SP. Can you please include this initial for the final version of the manuscript?

With kind regards,
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