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Dear Dr. Borgi:

Manuscript ID BMJ.2015.030374.R2 entitled "Potato Intake and the Incidence of Hypertension in Three Prospective Cohort Studies" which you submitted to BMJ,

Many thanks for sending us the revised version of your paper and for your patience with this process! I think we are very close. I would like you to include in the text of the paper (as you offered in your response) the detailed explanation and information about the potato variables ( response to point 1) and about the categories. This will allow interested readers to understand more clearly what was done.

I think you will be able to do this in the space of just a few minutes. I would do it for you but for reasons I am sure you understand we ask that all such changes be made by the authors themselves.

I will look forward to getting the revision back and accepting the paper.

Yours sincerely,

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