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Dear Editors,

On behalf of my co-authors, I am presenting our latest research, which combines approaches from business process modelling with probabilistic machine learning in order to develop a predictive model for estimating recovery times of patients, who had an appendicitis surgery.

Our research has the potential to be very useful for hospital scheduling purposes and the optimization of healthcare processes. Therefore, we are positive that our paper will contribute to the high reputation of the Journal of Health Economics.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,



Dr. Andreas W. Kempa-Liehr