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| Manuscript Number: | **Ms_BJMMR_29518** |
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<mark>**PART 1:**</mark> Review Comments

| | Reviewer's comment | Author's comment *(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
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| **Compulsory** REVISION comments | | |
| **Minor** REVISION comments | This paper addresses an important issue related to hospital management on bed occupancy rates. I have few minor comments: 1. Does figure 1 require permission? Please confirm. 2. In the methods part, it's unclear on how the tabulation of bed occupancy was done. Was it done manually or does the hospital have electronic system to detect bed occupancy such as "Bed Watcher System?" 3. It would be interesting to speculate on how the current system could be adopted for a universal and unified approach. What would be the barriers to be faced by hospital managers for this adoption? 4. How future studies could replicate this analysis for more robust techniques for universal adoption? 5. Would this system work in computerised system hospital and in the manually paper documented hospital? What would be the possible stakeholder views of the current approach if adopted? | |
| **Optional/General** comments | Well written paper with novel techniques for bed approximations in hospital. | |

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