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Dear Dr. Shipley

**Inter-relationships between the economic and emotional consequences of colorectal cancer for patients and their families: a qualitative study (Revised)**

Please find enclosed the above manuscript in revised form incorporating the comments made by our reviewer and the editorial team. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our reviewer for her helpful critique of our paper.

We have now included passages in the methods section of the article to more closely adhere to the reporting framework outlined in the Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Studies (COREQ32).

We have also added a paragraph to the methods section (see page 5) that outlines the research ethics committees that granted approval for the project.

Finally, we have revised the manuscript throughout to improve the standard of written English and clarified passages where their meaning may have been ambiguous.

We hope that these changes satisfactorily address the issues raised by both our reviewer and the journal’s editorial team and that our paper will be considered favourably for publication in *BMC Gastroenterology* at an early juncture.

Yours sincerely

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