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Title: Assessment of the feasibility of exon 45-55 multiexon skipping for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

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Dear Prof Koutsos,

In response to your email received on October 28th, I would like to resubmit our manuscript “Assessment of the feasibility of exon 45-55 multiexon skipping for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy” by van Vliet et al for publication in BMC Medical Genetics. The following changes have been made:

1) We have added a methods section to the abstract to comply with the journal policy (we split the result section onto a sentence describing the methods and a sentence describing the results). We have also copied the new abstract to the appropriate box on the website.

2) We have added a statement about the anonymous nature of the cultured human (patient and control) cells (Methods section, page 5, penultimate sentence). The cells have been isolated from biopsies taken almost 30 years ago from anonymous patients and an anonymous unaffected individual. Obtaining informed consent was therefore not possible.

We apologize for not complying with the journal's policy before.

Yours sincerely,

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