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Dear editor,

We’ve made the following changes to our manuscript:

- We’ve deleted reference 37 (Chinapaw et al.) from our manuscript.

We’ve replaced “However” by “Nevertheless” in the sentence “However, this...physical function” (page 3).

- We’ve shortened the following sentences: “A multicenter....cell transplantation” to “A multicenter, prospective, single blind, randomized controlled trial will be performed.”

- We’ve made some typographic and grammatical corrections.

- We’ve replaced “patiënts” by “survivors” in “This program....ASCT patients” on page 7.

- We’ve replaced “chemotherapy” by “ASCT” in “All potentially...after chemotherapy” on page 9.
- On page 11, we've included "recordings of accelerometers" into the following sentence: "Information on....outcome measures)".

- In table 2, we've changed "Maximum oxygen test" in "Maximal exercise test"

Best wishes,

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