Author's response to reviews

Title: Activity ex vivo of cytotoxic drugs in patient samples of peritoneal carcinomatosis with special focus on colorectal cancer: a preclinical study

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Dear Tonilynn Manibo,

Thank you for the editorial comments. I have made the necessary adjustments to the manuscript. Specifically, our regional ethics board information has been added to the methods section.

Sincerely,

Peter Cashin

Below follows the original cover letter:

Date: Nov 1st, 2012

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Dear Editor-in-Chief, Christna Chap

I am sending this article "Activity ex vivo of cytotoxic drugs in patient samples of peritoneal carcinomatosis with special focus on colorectal cancer" for consideration in BMC Cancer. It has not been published or submitted for publication anywhere else and we, the authors, do not have any competing interests to declare.
This article investigates novel clinical data on chemo-resistance of different tumour types with peritoneal carcinomatosis. It provides a theoretical foundation for individualised medicine within the area of peritoneal surface malignancies that may be subject to cytoreductive surgery and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy. While the chemo-resistance of several tumour types are compared, the article focuses on the colorectal cancer tumour type and its clinical outcome.

It is our hope that you find this article of sufficient quality and calibre to be considered for publication in BMC Cancer.

Sincerely and on behalf of the authors,

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