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Dear BMC Cancer Editors,

We are revising our study protocol titled, “Standardization of D2 Lymphadenectomy and Surgical Quality Control for KLASS-02 Trial (KLASS-02-QC): A prospective, observational, multicenter study [NCT01283893]”, for consideration of its publication in BMC Cancer. We declare that this is original and unpublished work to which all co-authors have made important contributions and satisfy the requirements for authorship. This manuscript was read and approved by all co-authors who take responsibility for the content of the manuscript. None of the material has already been published, has been accepted for publication, or is currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. No author has any conflicting financial interests or otherwise.

The original manuscript was changed as requested.

1. Name of ethics committee: We have updated ethics statement. (page 8, study design section)
   This study was reviewed and approved by institute review board of Severance hospital (4-2010-0637).

2. Proofs of ethics and funding: We forwarded the requested documentation to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com

3. Study status: Our study is ongoing. The status can be identified at ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT01283893).

4. Related articles: This is the first publication containing the results of this study. No related articles are currently available in Pubmed.

Thank you for your consideration of our manuscript for publication in your
esteemed journal, and we await your critical review of our study.

Sincerely,

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