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Title: Effect of physical therapy on breast cancer related lymphedema: Protocol for a multicenter, randomized, single-blind, equivalence trial

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Dear Editor

Please consider our manuscript for publication in BMC Cancer

The manuscript is a study protocol and it has not been previously published and is not presently under consideration by another journal.

This study focuses on Physical therapy treatment of breast cancer patients with arm lymphedema based on the principles of ‘Complete Decongestive Therapy’. The scientific evidence especially regarding the time-consuming manual lymphatic drainage is sparse and not consistent. There is a need for well-designed, high quality studies with follow-up.

The hypothesis of this RCT-study is that skin care and guidance of physical activity combined with Coban™2 Lite bandage alone is equally effective as Complete Decongestive Therapy including skincare and guidance of physical activity, manual lymphatic drainage and Coban™2 Lite bandage.

Proof of ethical approval and funding translated versions are attached as enclosed files to executive editor.

On behalf of the authors

Best regards

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