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Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering the manuscript:

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for publication in BMC Cancer.

The comments made by the editor has been addressed and the manuscript has been corrected accordingly.

1. Please include the trial registration date after your trial registration number.
   The trial registration date in clinicaltrials.gov is November 3rd, 2005. The date has been added following the trial registration number in the manuscript (line 105/106).

2. Please include the full name of the ethics committee which approved your study in your methods section.
   The name and permit number has been added to the manuscript: “Committee for Medical and Health Research Ethics (REC South-East. Permit Number: S-03032)” (line 103/104).

3. Please include a titled conclusion section after your discussion, according to our guidelines.
   The last section is the concluding section and the heading has been added.

4. Please provide the individual author contribution of Marit Synnestvedt in your 'author contributions' section.
   Marit Synnestvedt has contributed to the study design and has read and approved the final manuscript. The contribution of Marit Synnestvedt has been added, we apologize that this was left out in the previous manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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