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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled “Toxicity of definitive chemoradiation in patients with inoperable or irresectable esophageal carcinoma”, which we would like to submit for publication as a research article for Biomed Central Cancer.

Further to the comments in your email I have listed the changes made to the manuscript:

1. Ethics statement: According to national regulations formal ethics approval for conducting a retrospective study is not needed. [Wet op Medisch Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (WMO), Staatsblad van het Koninkrijk der Neeederlanden 1998 artikel 1, eerste lid, onder b].

2. Access to the database is permitted according to national regulations [Wet op Gemeenschappelijke Behandelings Overeenkomst (WGBO) Burgelijck Wetboek, boek 7, titel 7, afdeling 5) and Wet bescherming persoonsgegevens (Wpg Grondwet, artikel 10, 2 e en 3e lid)].

3. Acknowledgements: We have no sources of funding. No other persons than the authors have contributed towards the article.
Number 1 and 2 are added to methods section and to the references.

Number 3 has not been changed for the reason explained above.

I have further specified the author's contributions in the section Author's contributions

The last change I have made is to the section of Competing interests were I have specified that the authors have no financial interests.

We hope that you will consider this revised manuscript for possible publication.

Looking forward to your response,

Sincerely yours,

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