Author's response to reviews

Title: Cancer suspicion in general practice, urgent referral and time to diagnosis: A population-based GP survey and registry study

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Dear Editor,

RE: MS: 6417306013093734 - Cancer suspicion in general practice, urgent referral and time to diagnosis: A population-based cross-sectional study

Thank you for the fast assessment of our comments to the editor’s request on 13th of August. We have addressed the recent editorial request as outlined below and written our responses in red italics.

On behalf of the authors,
Yours sincerely,
Henry Jensen

1. Please clarify that you obtained informed consent form GP's for completion of questionnaire's for the purposes of your study. Please include a statement in your methods section.

   We did not need any informed consent from the GPs for the completion of questionnaires, as the approval from the Danish National Board of Health provided legal permission for the GP to complete the questionnaires – we have emphasised this as follows:

   “The study was approved by the Danish Data Protection Agency (rec. no. 2009-41-3471). The Danish National Board of Health (today the Danish Health and Medicines Authority) gave, according to section 46 of the Danish Health Act, legal permission to obtain information from the GPs’ medical records, by questionnaires, without the patients’ consent (rec. no. 7-604-04-2/195/DEH). According to Danish law and the Central Denmark Region Committees on Health Research Ethics, approval by the National Committee on Health Research Ethics was not required as no biomedical intervention was performed.