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Villejuif, 4th of August 2014,

Dear Editor,

We are pleased to submit the protocol of the study “Interest of preoperative immunonutrition in liver resection for cancer: study protocol of the PROPILS trial, a multicenter randomized controlled phase IV trial” with the revisions you asked for.

The study protocol has obtained ethical approval at all participating centres by the Institutional Review Board, Ile de France 1 (IDF I) ethic committee on May 2013.

This study received also a grant from the French National Cancer Institute (Institut National Cancer - INCa) in 2012 and the study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body.
We have forwarded the requested documentation (copies of the ethical approval and funding approval) to the email address BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com.

Our study has started in September 2013 and will be ended in June 2015. The study is currently collecting data and there has not been any publication concerning the analysis of the data collected until today.

This manuscript describes original work and is not under consideration by any other journal. All authors approved the manuscript and this submission.

According to your suggestions, we revised the manuscript:

1) We revised our Conflicting Interests section to clarify that the drugs used in this study will be donated by Nestlé Clinical Nutrition, France.
2) We included the full name of the Ethics committee that approved the study at all participating centres.

Thank you for receiving our manuscript and considering it for review. We appreciate your time and look forward to your response.

Kind regards

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