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Dear Editor,

We hereby submit the revised manuscript “Pre-radiotherapy plasma carotenoids and markers of oxidative stress are associated with survival in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma patients: a prospective study” by Amrit Kaur Sakhi, Kjell Magne Russnes, Magne Thoresen, Nasser E. Bastani, Anette Karlsen, Sigbjørn Smeland and Rune Blomhoff for publication in BioMed Central Cancer (BMC Cancer).

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Changes done

Major revisions

1. The list of authors in the manuscript is written in the same style and order as in the submission system.

2. The sentence “All authors read and approved the final manuscript” has been written in the authors contribution.

Minor revisions

1. Underlining is removed in the “Results” section

2. “List of abbreviations” is changed to “Abbreviations” in the manuscript.

3. The table legends for tables 4, 5 and 6 are only one text now. The other text is now below the table.

4. The title from the image file (Figure 1) is removed.
Other revisions

1. Page 1, the affiliation nr.2: “Rikshospitalet University Hospital” is changed to “Oslo University Hospital”. The same change is done on page 8 in the chapter “Analysis”.

2. Page 1, the pin code of Department of Biostatistics is changed from “0316” to “0317”.

3. The word “Cox” was replaced by “Cox’” in the abstract (page 2) and in the chapter “Statistical analysis” (page 9).

4. Page 8, chapter “Analysis”, the method for 8-iso-PGF2alpha is published now and thus, this reference is included as number 27.

5. Page 9, chapter “Statistical analysis”, in the line: “The biomarkers in pre-radiotherapy patients and controls were compared by independent t-tests”, word “samples” is added after the word “independent”. Thus, the changed line in revised manuscript is “The biomarkers in pre-radiotherapy patients and controls were compared by independent samples t-tests”.

6. Page 18, section “Discussion”, the word “comprise” in the last line is replaced by “reduce”.