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Dear editor,

Herewith we resubmit the manuscript ‘Design of the Advance Directives Cohort: a study of end-of-life decision-making focusing on Advance Directives' for publication in your journal.

However, we discovered an error in the files of the main document, both the one downloaded from your website and the ones we had stored ourselves. We are still trying to solve it, but have not succeeded so far. We are most likely forced to retype the whole document again word for word. In that case we are not able to resubmit probably until Monday March 15th.

We did upload the latest version of our manuscript to your website, but with the error still in it. We can imagine that you may have more experience with layout and these kinds of problems. The error presents itself between page 5 and 9. The paragraphs ‘Ethical approval and confidentiality’, ‘Measurements’, ‘Nested sub-studies’, ‘Study on the use of ADs at the end of life’, ‘Comparison with Dutch public’, ‘Analysis’ and parts from the ‘Discussion’ disappear and appear when scrolling up and down.

If you are able to find a fast solution, we would be very grateful. If not, we will resubmit a version without errors as soon as possible. We are sorry for the delay this will cause.

In reaction to your email from March 5th, we made the following changes in our manuscript:

- We made the changes you requested on the affiliations:

‘Department Public and Occupational Health, EMGO Institute for Health and Care Research,
VU University Medical Center, van der Boechorststraat 7, Amsterdam, 1081 BT,'
the Netherlands'

- We removed the visible vertical lines from our table and moved all other text except the table title below the table.

- We managed to crop figures 2 and 3 more closely, as you requested. With figure 1 we were not able to do this without changing the proportions of the figure.

- We changed all mention of figures in the text to ‘fig.’

Yours sincerely,

Also on behalf of the co-authors

Matthijs van Wijmen