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Title: Totally implantable venous access devices: analysis of different insertion techniques and predictors of complications in 796 devices implanted in a single institution

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Dear Editor,

we are submitting the revised version of our manuscript entitled "Totally implantable venous access devices: analysis of different insertion techniques and predictors of complications in 796 devices implanted in a single institution" for possible publication in your journal. We hope that our answer could satisfactorily address the editorial concerns and we are grateful for the opportunity to improve our paper.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Point by point reply:

Editorial Requirements:

1. Thank you organising the approval of your study from your ethics committee, and for revising your manuscript in light of this. However, we would ask you to please include the date of approval in your ethics statement. This is so that it is clear to readers that approval was granted retrospectively.

   • We modified the following sentence according your suggestions: “The study was retrospectively reviewed and approved by the Ethical Committee of the Veneto Institute of Oncology (protocol number 0001897; Internal code: 2014/13/NOTIFICA; date of approval: 24th February 2014).”

1. In addition, we would ask you to please provide us with documentary evidence of the approval granted to your study.

   • We had added as an attachment the extract of the Ethical Committee meeting minutes as you suggested