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Re: Pre-review revision request - MS: 1354524161104392 (Received by email July 31, 2013)

To: BMC Palliative Care Editorial Board

I received your request to make certain formatting changes to the above referenced manuscript. I have made the requested changes, the details of which are outlined below:

1. Title Page: I have revised the title page that was originally sent. The title did not change. The page was revised to include full addresses and contact information for all of the authors, including email addresses. I also removed the ‘Authors’ Contributions’ section from this page and placed this in the manuscript, before the Acknowledgements and Reference List (as you requested).

2. Authors’ Contributions: I removed this from the original Title Page, and placed this in the manuscript, before the Acknowledgements and Reference List (as you requested). I also revised the text slightly, to more clearly indicate the contributions of the authors.

3. Competing Interest: I have included this section between the Conclusions and Authors’ Contributions (as you requested).
4. Consent Statement: I added a sentence about informed consent to the Study Sample subsection of the Methods section. It is the last sentence in the paragraph.

I trust that you will find these revisions acceptable. Please let me know if you require further changes, and I will see that these are promptly addressed.

Yours sincerely,

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