Author's response to reviews

Title: The Australia-modified Karnofsky Performance Status (AKPS) scale: a revised scale for contemporary palliative care clinical practice [ISRCTN 81117481]

Authors:

Amy P Abernethy (amy.abernethy@duke.edu)
Tania Shelby-James (Tania.Shelby-James@rgh.sa.gov.au)
Belinda S Fazekas (Belinda.Fazekas@rgh.sa.gov.au)
David Woods (david.woods@dhhs.tas.gov.au)
David C Currow (david.currow@rgh.sa.gov.au)

Version: 5 Date: 21 October 2005

Dear Editorial Board of BioMed Central Palliative Care:

Thank you for accepting our manuscript. Please find our final version of the manuscript titled “The Australia-modified Karnofsky Performance Status (AKPS) scale: a revised scale for contemporary palliative care clinical practice [ISRCTN 81117481].” (MS: 1476245270700028)

We have carefully attended to the items in your correspondence dated 19 October 2005. The title, abstract, and authors names are the same in the manuscript as on the online submission system. The title has been amended with attention to the ISRCTN formatting. The references have been formatted using BMC style, including the RefMan 10 citation format downloaded from your website. RefMan was used for all references. The table was changed from shading to bolding and italics.

Flinders University, our home institution, is a member of BioMed central. We understand that we do not need to pay the processing charge if this is the case. If we still need to pay the processing charge, then we are prepared to do so. Dr. Abernethy has previously reviewed an article for BMC Cancer and has a letter regarding a GBP130 discount on BMC article processing charges.

Please address all correspondence to Dr Amy Abernethy
Southern Adelaide Palliative Services
700 Goodwood Rd
Daw Park, South Australia 5041 Australia
Phone +61 (8) 8275 1871
Fax +61 (8) 8374 4018
Amy.abernethy@duke.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

Amy P. Abernethy, MD
Tania Shelby-James, MPH
Belinda S. Fazekas, BN
David Woods, MB, FACHPM
David C. Currow, MPH, FRACP