Author’s response to reviews

Title: Risk-reducing strategies for women carrying BRCA1/2 mutations with a focus on prophylactic surgery

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Dear Sirs

The authors would be grateful if you consider the article titled “Risk-reducing strategies for women carrying BRCA1/2 mutations with a focus on prophylactic surgery” for publication in BMC women’s health journal.

Women who have inherited mutations in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes have substantially elevated risks of breast and ovarian cancer. In this review article we review the available literature about different risk reducing strategies for BRCA1/2 mutation carriers including regular surveillance, chemoprevention and risk-reducing surgery. We concentrate on the surgical approaches as they were proven to be the most effective in risk reduction and as their role in increasing life expectancy gain in BRCA1/2 carriers.

The lack of grade one evidence and based on the available literature it is appropriate to acknowledge that the clinical management of cancer risk in BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutation carriers is rather complex and stressful task, it should consider individual patient’s expectations and preferences. We believe that this article will be a useful reference and guide to both clinicians and patients.

We would like to thank you in advance for your attention. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully,

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