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Dear Editor,

We refer to the e-mail received from Dr. Anastasios Koutsos on June 25, 2009.

Concerning your question about a separate ethical approval for that study part which took place in Norway, the answer is that this was not specifically applied for to our regional ethics committee. The reason is that the ethics of the Norwegian part is taken care of by the general approval of the exchange program between University of Bergen, Norway and Makerere University, Uganda; the specific approval by the University of Bergen of Dr. Kalungi’s project and research stay; and, finally, by the general approval that our institute has (as a pathology department) to investigate material from human beings. No changes have therefore been introduced in the submitted version of the manuscript.

We hope that this information will address your concerns in a satisfactory manner.

Yours sincerely,
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