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Dear Danica Stephanie Lorrein Jose

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I’m submitting the revised version of the paper titled “Medical error disclosure: from the therapeutic alliance to risk management. The vision of the new Italian code of medical ethics”.

We thanks the reviewers for their stimulating suggestions. We modified the paper according to reviewers’ suggestions.

According to review 1 we modified and shortened the abstract. Again according to review 1 we have extended our considerations to errors (diagnostic and procedural) beyond adverse events (lines 123-127). The suggested references were added (references n°11 and 12). Moreover, moving from the suggestions of review 1 we also include some sentences explaining the difference between error and adverse event (lines 119-123) and a corresponding reference (n°10).

In response to review 2, we added some sentences explaining the two different approaches to medical errors: the individual one (the so called blame – culture) and the approach focused on the system (lines 146-159). Some references were added too (n° 17-19).
We also added more sentences to explain, as requested by review 2, the role of Italian physicians in the risk management (lines 198-212). We tried to explain our personal position regarding this issue.

Finally, we included an “Acknowledgements section” between the Authors’ contributions section and Reference list. Since we haven’t any person to acknowledge we wrote “none.

The paper was revised and formatted according to the journal style.

We hope that our changes could meet the reviewers’ suggestions.

Best regards,

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Foggia, 6 July 2014