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Dear Editor of BMC Cancer

We are submitting the manuscript entitled “Characteristics of Exercise Recommendations of Oncologists in South Korea: a cross sectional survey study” to ‘BMC Cancer’ as an original report, which we would like to be considered for a publication.

The incidence rate and recurrence of cancer are increased steadily in South Korea. Therefore, identifying the factors that contribute to cancer recurrence and survival is important. According to prior research, participation on exercise and physical activity is substantially important to cancer patients for preventing recurrence and survival. However although cancer patients are highly motivated to receive exercise information from their oncologists and oncologists have a favorable view on exercise for their patients, most oncologists still do not recommend exercise for their patients. Furthermore, the oncologists’ attitude toward recommending exercise and practice of exercise recommendations to their cancer patients has not been studied. Whether factors such as their attitudes toward exercise and their own physical activity levels may influence oncologists’ recommendations toward exercise and the barriers they experience in recommending exercise have not been studied. We believe that the findings of the manuscript will be of great interest to the broad readership of ‘BMC Cancer’.

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