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Dear Roselyn,

Thank you for your email dated 24/1/2015 with regards to our manuscript MS: 3833262511563437 “Protocol of a multi-centre randomised controlled trial of a web-based information intervention with nurse-delivered telephone support for haematological cancer patients and their support persons”. Please find below responses to the queries raised in relation to this paper.

1. **Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation.** Copies of ethics and funding approvals have been forwarded to the provided email address.
2. **Funding.** The study has undergone peer-review as part of the process of obtaining funding.
3. **Study status.** The study is ongoing. We have recently concluded patient recruitment and will soon be commencing data analysis.
4. **Related articles.** No publications containing the results of this study have been published or submitted to any journal.
5. **Changes to the manuscript.**
   a. **Ethics approval.** We have already provided a statement in the manuscript about ethics approval (see page 23) “This study has been approved by the Cancer Institute NSW Clinical Research Ethics Committee in Australia (NHMRC Committee Code: EC00414) (AU RED Reference: HREC/11/CIC/24), the Hunter New England Human Research Ethics Committee (NHMRC Committee Code: EC00403) (AU RED Reference: HREC/13/HNE/338) and The University of Newcastle Human Research Ethics Committee (NHMRC Committee Code: EC00144) (Reference No: H-2012-0011). The study has also been approved by the local research governance committees of each participating hospital.”
   b. **Trial registration.** We have added the date of registration of the trial to the manuscript (see page 23).

Thank you for considering our manuscript. We look forward to hearing your response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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