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Title: PIPelle Prospective ENDOmetrial carcinoma (PIPENDO) study, pre-operative recognition of high risk endometrial carcinoma: a multicentre prospective cohort study

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Dear Ms. Battad,

Thank you for considering the manuscript “PIpelle Prospective ENDOmetrial carcinoma (PIPENDO) study, pre-operative recognition of high risk endometrial carcinoma: a multicentre prospective cohort study”. We have read the comments with interest, and we have tried to adjust the manuscript accordingly.

Included you find an adjusted draft of the manuscript. We have marked out the adjustments that have been made in the revised manuscript.

Our reply to the comments is summarized below:

**Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation**

This study is approved by the local medical ethical committee of the St. Elisabeth Hospital Tilburg. We forwarded a copy of the ethical approval including a translated version of the relevant parts to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com. According to the protocol “Code for Proper Use of Human Tissue”, all collected patient material will be coded by PALGA code and patient name and date of birth are not entered into the database (Dutch Federation for Biomedical Scientific Societies, www.federa.org). This study has not receives external funding yet.
Funding
This study has not received external funding yet. We applied for a grant of the Dutch Cancer Society where the study protocol is currently under review. A peer-review is part of the process. The final decision for this grant will be in March 2015.

Study status
The PIPENDO study is an ongoing study. The inclusion of patients has finished and we are now collecting follow-up data and analysing the results. We added a sentence on page 10, line 229. “The inclusion of patients had finished and we are now analysing the data.” Follow-up will be completed in December 2015.

Related Articles
There are no publications containing the results of this study yet.

We look forward to your decision on the manuscript.

On behalf of the other authors, yours sincerely,

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