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Response to Editor Comments

Thank you for your review of our manuscript and consideration for publication in BMC Cancer. We have made the requested amendments as detailed below.

1. We note that part of your manuscript has been previously presented as an abstract here:


While we are happy for manuscripts to have been partly presented as conference abstracts or posters, we do require this to be cited and acknowledged in the manuscript.

Please therefore mention this previous publication in the 'Acknowledgements' section.

Thank you, we have added this to the Acknowledgements section. We have included the URL to the abstract in this section, please advise if we should remove this or embed as a hyperlink elsewhere. The addition reads (on Page 23, Lines 500-3):

2. Please state clearly if the Ethics committee approved your method of consent.

We have clarified this on Page 5, Lines 89-92 as:

“A copy of the Participant Information Sheet was provided electronically via a link on the survey website prior to starting the survey, and women were informed that consent was implied upon commencing the survey. This method of consent was approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (See below for details).”