Author’s response to reviews

Title: Gene expression profiling in patients with polymyalgia rheumatica before and after symptom-abolishing glucocorticoid treatment

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Re: BMSD-D-16-01185R1.

“Gene expression profiling in patients with polymyalgia rheumatica before and after symptom-abolishing glucocorticoid treatment” by Frederik Flindt Kreiner, Rehannah Borup, Finn Cilius, Peter Scherling and Henrik Galbo.

Response to Editor’s comments presented in mail dated June 20, 2017.

1. “List of authors changing”.

I do not understand this comment, because we have not from the first submission until now made any changes in the list of authors (names and sequence). I think I remember that when I submitted electronically the revised version, your submission system surprisingly had itself put me as first – instead of last - author on one of the forms. I tried to correct this making the list in accordance with the appearance of the front page of the manuscript. Again, however, the list of authors on the front page is exactly as it has been throughout. So, I expect that I do not have to submit a change of authorship form.

See also response to 4.

2. “Your study should be registered”.

We have now registered the study in the ISRCTN registry c/o BioMed Central. However, due to summer delays in the economy office of our hospital, we have not yet received a registration number. Mairlad Weir, Database Editor at the ISRCTN registry has promised that we will get the registration number as soon as she receives confirmation that the payment has been arranged. Our economy office has told us that they expect to provide the necessary documentation this Friday, the 21st of July.

So, in the present manuscript we have in the last lines (p.2 l. 51-52) of the abstract stated that the study was retrospectively registered, and that the registration number was X and the date of registration …. We will as soon as possible forward the registration number and registration date, hopefully the 21st of July, and hope that you will be able to substitute “X” with the registration number and to insert the date of registration.

3. “Remove phrase”.
This has been done (Consent for publication, p. 20, l. 475-476).

4. “Six individuals given credit, but only five authors”.
The confusion is due to the fact that one of the authors, Frederik Flint Kreiner, in the Authors’ contributions section is mentioned twice and, unfortunately, his name is abbreviated both as FFK and FK.

The section (p.21, l.487-490) has now been corrected so that it is clear that only five individuals contributed.

5. “Remove tracked changes”.
Done, only a single clean copy of the manuscript is submitted.

We hope that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

Sincerely,

Henrik Galbo, Professor, MD, DMSc. July the 19th, 2017.