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Trieste, Aug 28, 2019
Dear Elizabeth Debney,
BMC Endocrine Disorders

After examination of your mail, we have revised the manuscript: “BEND-D-19-00145R2 “Association between benign thyroid disease and breast cancer: a single center experience” (Chiara Dobrinja, M.D., Ph.D.; Serena Scomersi; Fabiola Giudici; Giulia Vallon; Alessio Lanzaro; Marina Troian; Deborah Bonazza; Andrea Romano; Fabrizio Zanconati; Nicolò de Manzini; Marina Bortul) so that you consider a revised version of our paper for publication in the BMC Endocrine Disorders Journal. We are enclosing a new revised version of manuscript with details of how we have attended to each of the Editorial Office’ comments.

Technical Comments:
1. Authorship change form. 
Because there was the addition of a new author, Marina Troian, since the original submission of the manuscript, we added the ”Change of authorship request form - Journals (pre-acceptance)” 
All authors agree with any proposed changes in authorship of submitted manuscripts. I returned the form with all signatures (including from any newly proposed/removed co-author(s)) to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com. The document seems to be in line with yours guidelines regarding qualification for authorship.

2. Declarations (Page 16 lines 6-8)
- Ethics approval and consent to participate
To justify that our study did not need formal ethics approval, we added this sentence: “ In addition, this manuscript did not need formal ethics approval because is a retrospective study. This complies with our national regulations” (D.L. 211, 24 giugno 2003)

3. Consent to publish – Declarations section (Page 16 line 9)
“Consent for publication was not requested for this study” was substitute with “Not Applicable”.

4. Availability of data and materials. Declarations section (Page 16 line 10)
We specified that “The datasets used and analyzed during the current study is available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.”

5. Figures.
We cited the Figure 1 in the body of the manuscript. (Page 10 line 14, Results section).

6. Additional files.
We removed all additional file.

7. Clean manuscript.
I uploaded the manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colors.

Reviewer reports:
Because, in the text, there were language and spacing issues we revised the entire manuscript’s format. We corrected language and grammar errors.

Page 3, line 24, “ABSTRACT, Conclusion section”.
“the results of the study” was substituted with “our study results”
Page 4, line 1, “ABSTRACT, Conclusion section”.
“at” was substituted with “in the”
“age” was substituted with “setting”
Page 5, line 3, “TEXT, Background” section.
“cancer” was substituted with “malignancy”
Page 5, line 20, “TEXT, Background” section.
“the” after “on both “was deleted.
Page 6, line 2, “TEXT, Methods” section.
“a total of” was deleted.

Page 9, line 5, “TEXT, Results” section.
“profiling” was substituted with “profile”
Page 9, line 6, “TEXT, Results” section.
“was” was substituted with “were”
Page 9, line 7, “TEXT, Results” section.
“based only on” was substituted with “made by”
Page 9, line 8, “TEXT, Results” section.
“Data collection on thyroid functionality and possible coexisting disease was possible for” was substituted with “Information about thyroid function was recorded in”
Page 9, line 10, “TEXT, Results” section.
“patients presented a” was substituted with “of them showed”
Page 9, line 10, “TEXT, Results” section.
“patients” before “presented a malignant” was deleted
Page 9, line 10, “TEXT, Results” section.
“a” before “malignant” was deleted
Page 9, lines 10,11 “TEXT, Results” section.
“When analyzing data for” was substituted with “Concerning”
Page 9, line 11 “TEXT, Results” section.
“tumor” was added before “subtypes”
Page 9, line 14 “TEXT, Results” section.
“data on thyroid function showed that” was deleted
Page 9, line 15 “TEXT, Results” section.
“had” was substituted with “showed”
Page 9, line 21 “TEXT, Results” section.
“Cases affected by” was substituted with “Patients with”
Page 9, lines 21,22 “TEXT, Results” section.
“as well as male patients” was substituted with “and men”
Page 9, line 22 “TEXT, Results” section.
“not included in this subgroup” was substituted with “excluded from this”
Page 10, line 1 “TEXT, Results” section.
“it was” was substituted with “we”
Page 10, line 2 “TEXT, Results” section.
“BC” was added before “women”
Page 10, line 2 “TEXT, Results” section.
“with BC” after “women” was deleted
Page 10, line 2 “TEXT, Results” section.
“A” before “similar” was deleted
Page 10, line 3 “TEXT, Results” section.
“with no significance at statistical analysis” was deleted
Page 10, line 6 “TEXT, Results” section.
“a” before “borderline” was deleted
Page 10, line 10 “TEXT, Results” section.
“When investigating the possible” was substituted with “Evaluation of”
Page 10, lines 10,11 “TEXT, Results” section.
“no significant difference was found on” was substituted with “showed no differences at”
Page 11, line 2 “TEXT, Results” section.
“A” before “different” was deleted
Page 11, line 5 “TEXT, Results” section.
“When” before “analyzing” was deleted
Page 11, line 5 “TEXT, Results” section.
“for” after “analyzing” was deleted
Page 11, line 15 “TEXT, Discussion ” section.
“the world” was deleted
Page 11, line 16 “TEXT,Discussion ” section.
“a” before “grater” was deleted
Page 11, line 18 “TEXT,Discussion ” section.
“are” was substituted with “remain”
Page 12, line 2 “TEXT, Discussion ” section.
“believe” was substituted with “showed”
Page 12, line 3 “TEXT, Discussion ” section.
“to have” was substituted with “having”
Page 12, line 7 “TEXT, Discussion ” section.
“an essential” was deleted
Page 12, line 9 “TEXT, Discussion ” section.
“the tyroid gland and the mammary gland” was substituted with “thyroid and mammary glands”
Page 12, line 18 “TEXT, Discussion ” section.
“A difference with borderline statistical significance was ” was substituted with “Differences were”
Page 13, line 18 “TEXT, Discussion ” section.
“state” was substituted with “condition”

We thank the Editorial Board for the review report, which has helped us improve the quality of the manuscript. Thank you for your suggestions. I’m looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With best regards,

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