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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Editors,

Thank you very much for your comments on our manuscript. Please find below our responses.

1. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation. As requested, we forwarded the Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation as well as the translated versions of the relevant parts to bmcpalliatcare@biomedcentral.com.

2. Funding. Our study is made possible by governmental funding. Our study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body.

3. Study status. Currently our study is at phase 1, we revise and consent the CISP to deal with a desire to die by semi-structured interviews with patients, and a Delphi process with international experts, patient representatives and relatives.

4. Related Articles. No publications containing results of this study have already been published or submitted to any journal.
5. The "Ethics approval and consent to participate" section has been completed by the following information: All relevant information regarding consent that will be obtained from participants of our study (study information, patient consent forms) are approved by the Ethics commission.

6. The Trial Registration date has been added to the Trial Registration information at the end of the abstract.

7. Figure titles/legends are now provided under a separate heading of 'Figure Legends' after the References and have been moved from the main text of the manuscript.

We are looking forward to further feedback on our manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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