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Dear Mr. LeBlanc, dear Mr. Jagoe,

we thank you very much for your productive and well thought out comments and hints. You really helped us to improve our paper and added some helpful thoughts and ideas. We hope that you agree with our implementation of your criticism.

Following your suggestions, we performed further regression analyses of possible predictors for “Physically Active Behavior” and “Motivation for PA”. Variables, that turned out to be significant in the group comparisons were included in the regression models. Although these variables turned out to be independent in both models, they still improved the quality of our models. Interestingly “Clinically relevant depression” turned out to be a negative predictor for “Motivation for PA”. As you indicated, we completed Table 3 with the results of our regression analyses for “Physically Active Behavior”. Furthermore, we re-wrote the sections that dealt with “I feel weakened due to tumor therapy” as most frequently chosen barrier for PA and tried to emphasize the difficulties in measuring patients’ barriers for PA and how they modulate their behavior.

You will find our detailed comments in the table of the attached letter to the editor. We also hope, that the revision in its current version can be provided for publication in the widely known BMC Palliative Care.

Sincerely
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