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Title: Extending life for people with a terminal illness: a moral right and an expensive death? Exploring societal perspectives

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Dear Editors,

RE: Extending life for people with a terminal illness: a moral right and an expensive death? Exploring societal perspectives

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the changes requested on the 02/02/15. These changes are in addition to the previous resubmission on the 23/12/14.

Our responses, detailed below, follow the changes requested from the aforementioned email on 02/02/15. The specific line numbers referred to relate to the clean copy of the revised manuscript i.e. without track changes.

We look forward to hearing your response.

Yours sincerely,
Neil McHugh
1. Ethics- Research involving human subjects (including human material or human data) that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

A sentence has been added to this effect. See lines 300-302.

2. Consent Statement- Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

A new sub-section has been included in the Methods section titled ‘Research Ethics’ this includes the aforementioned change regarding the inclusion of a statement about ethical approval and a section relating to the methods used to acquire informed consent. See lines 302-311.