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Dear Editor in Chief

BMC Medical Ethics,

I’m submitting the revised version of the paper “A review and analysis of the new Italian law 219/2017: Provisions for informed consent and advance directives treatment”.

We modified the paper according to the reviewer’s suggestions.

In particular:

we deleted the word “perfectly” in the abstract (Abstract, page 3, line 35)

we add the word “and” in the first paragraph of the specific points that now states “… and the withdrawal of any medical treatments and nutrition and hydration”; (Background, page 4, line 56)

we changed the word “exalts” into “highlights” in the first paragraph of the specific points section; (Specific points, page 6, line 98)

we modified the sentence “… the principle of respect for the patient’s autonomy in which his/her …” into “… the principle of respect for a patient’s autonomy in which his/her …” later in the same paragraph; (Specific points, page 7, line 100)

we deleted the sentence “also in the hospital setting” in the communication time paragraph; (Communication time, pag. 9, line 152)
we changed the sentence “… healthcare professionals have the right and the duty to be trained …” into “… healthcare professionals should be trained …” in the same paragraph just before the shared care planning section; (Communication time, page 9, lines 160-1)

we modified the sentence “the law reccomends” into “the law implies” later on in the same paragraph; (Communication time, page 9, line 164)

we delete the first sentence of the second paragraph of advance directives section (Advance directives, page 13, line 236).

Best regards,

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