Author’s response to reviews

Title: Can clinical ethics committees be legitimate actors in bedside rationing?

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Dear Editor,

thanks for this opportunity to resubmit our manuscript. Please find our responses below. I have now revised according to the last request.

Kind regards

Kristine Bærøe

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Our response to the editor’s requests for changes:

1. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

"Roles and responsibilities of clinical ethics committees in priority setting"


This overlap mainly exists in each of the cases presented in the discussion section.

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in this publication, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. We would therefore be grateful if you could reformulate in your own words the overlap between your manuscript and this source where possible.

Our response: the two case presentations have now been fully rewritten and somewhat shortened.

2. Please be sure to format the boxes as either Figures or Tables, as boxes do not conform to our submission guidelines.

Our response: The content of the text box has now been formatted as plain text.

3. In the Funding section, please also state the role of the funding body in the design of the study, collection, analysis, interpretation of data, and in writing the manuscript.

Our response: Done
4. Please provide a List of abbreviations after the Conclusions section. If abbreviations are used in the text, they should be defined in the text at first use and included in this list.

Our response: Done

5. Please note that the individual contributions of each author to the manuscript should be specified in the Authors Contributions section. Please note that all authors should be named by using their initials rather than full names, and also include a statement clearly indicating that all authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

Our response: Done

6. Please remove the footnotes and include any additional notes as an Endnote. For more information on how to format Endnotes please visit the following page: https://bmcmedethics.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/debate

Our response: In our manuscript we had one endnote and no footnotes.

7. As Kristine Baroe is a member of the editorial board (Associate Editor) of this journal, in order to ensure transparency, please declare this in the Competing Interests section of the Declarations.

Our response: Done

8. Please format your abstract and the main text of your manuscript to include the following subheadings/headings: Background, Main text, and Conclusions.

Our response: Done