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Dear Dr Wilcox,

Herewith we would like to provide the information requested in the email received from Arlene Pura on November 7, 2014 regarding our study protocol, entitled: “EMPOWER - Support of Patient Empowerment by an intelligent self-management pathway for patients: study protocol”.

**Ethical and Funding Approval:** Copies of the ethical and funding approval have been forwarded to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com.

**Funding:** The European Union funds this study in the scope of the 7th Framework Programme, Theme ICT (Project identifier: FP7-ICT-2011-288209).

**Study Status:** Herewith, we confirm that the study is still “ongoing” and that the investigators are still collecting data.

**Related Articles:** So far no results of the study have been published or submitted elsewhere.

**Trial Registration:** The coordinator of the EMPOWER-Project has been contacted who indicated that the study does not meet the criteria for official trial registration. We would like to leave the decision to the editor and it goes without saying that in case the editor decides otherwise the trial will be officially registered.

We look forward to your editorial decision.

Best regards,

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