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Author response: line 525-526: The full name or ethical board and the application number has been inserted: “…Central Ethical Review Board in Gothenburg, Sweden (Dnr. 403-18)”

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Author response: line 538-540: The updated text is: This study has been financed by RCC West. The funding body extracted and anonymized the patient data and enabled the collaboration with
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Author response: I have now added the names in acknowledgements: “Pernilla Dahm-Kähler, Janusz Marcickiewicz, Karin Bergmark and Pär Hellberg are acknowledged for their invaluable collaboration as well as Christian Staf for data support. A number of persons are acknowledged for their kind help; Svante Lifvergren for setting the collaboration and Bo Bergman and Henrik Eriksson for support during the study and for improvement suggestions of the paper draft. The journal reviewers are also acknowledged for improvement of the paper. RCC West is further acknowledged for the financial contribution and for data extraction from the Swedish gynecological cancer quality registry, as well as Editage for language-editing services. “

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