

Answer Letter to Reviewers



November, 21, 2014

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14424-review.doc).

Title: "Management of Recurrent Malignant Pleural Effusions with a Tunneled Indwelling Pleural Catheter"

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated as suggested by the editor

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Reviewer 02496986

- We have referred to earlier alternative options for talc pleurodesis such as video-assisted or medical thoracoscopy
- We have added the remark 'in selected cases' to the sentence 'IPC is an alternative method...'
- To our knowledge no literature exists on possible negative influence of IPC on mobility of patients. This is also not our experience.
- We added the reported incidences of spontaneous pleurodesis in IPC treatment in the section on talc pleurodesis vs. IPC (reference numbers 10 and 11)
- To our knowledge no literature is available on the possible relation between type of cancer and degree of symptom control after IPC treatment

(2) Reviewer 02497950

- We thank this reviewer for his or her kind comments. No further suggestions for revision were made by this reviewer.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publishing in the *World Journal of Respirology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marieke de Heer'.

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