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Dear Dr. Chan

# BMJ.2016.034492 entitled "Montgomery A Year Later: Informed Consent Revisited"

Thank you for sending us your article, which we read with interest.

We sent it out for external peer review and discussed it at the Analysis manuscript committee meeting (present: Theo Bloom, Navjoyt Ladher, Stephen Leeder).

If you are able to amend it in the light of our and reviewers' comments (particularly reviewer 1), we would be happy to consider it again.

The reviewers' comments are at the end of this letter.

The editors' comments are listed below:

1) Thank you for your hard work on the paper and for your patience while we have been considering it. Editors thought that an update on what has happened in the time since the Montgomery ruling was interesting and relevant to readers. The comments here are intended to strengthen the manuscript for general doctor readers, particularly those based overseas

2) It might be helpful to describe in more detail how the ruling has changed practice on the ground. Beyond the legal cases, is there any evidence available yet on what is happening in day to day clinical practice? Is it being investigated?

3) Editors thought that the manuscript could offer more background for readers based outside the UK, and also some context on how the situation in the UK compares with other similar countries - is this information available?

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I hope you will find the comments useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Also, please accept my apologies for the long delay in reaching a decision on your paper. It took a long time to get a full set of referee reports. I am very sorry for any inconvenience caused

Yours sincerely

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