

Interim report

Date of sending out the form:

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Title of the granted project

Multidisciplinary approach for improving sexual health in female cancer survivors

Amount granted by the ESC (in euro)

8750

Initial funding (part of the grant received already) in euro:

6560

Final amount to be paid by ESC (in euro):

2190

Project number:

P-2017-A-02

Allocated mentor:

D. Archer

Date project actually started:

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Planned date of completion:

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Have there been any problems or issues with starting or continuing this project? If so, what impact will that have on your planned completion date?

There have been some issues with accrual rate (slightly lower than expected) and we had to exclude more cases than we anticipated from the study due to disease progression (participants progressed somewhere between enrollment and the six-months follow-up). Although accrual was scheduled to end in January 2020, it will most likely end in March 2020, which means the last patient to be enrolled will complete the 6-months follow-up questionnaire in September 2020.

Have you discussed the project status and any problems with your Mentor?

The issues we have encountered so far did not require outside assistance.

Please provide a synopsis of your findings and data so far (max 500 words)

We started enrolling patients in the summer of 2018. Of the approximately 120 women that have agreed to take part in the study, four of them decided to withdraw after completing the initial screening tests, 22 were withdrawn from the study due to disease progression and 9 were lost to follow-up (could not be reached for the follow-up visit 6 months after the beginning of the study). So far, 68 female cancer survivors have completed the study and 19 more are scheduled in the next months for their six month follow up visit.

The four items in the QLACS questionnaire that are most useful for measuring sexual function identified some type of sexual dysfunction in virtually all the enrolled individuals, consistent with previous findings. Compared with our previous report, we have noted some changes in response rates for items 10,12,16 and 26 of the QLACS questionnaire, as follows:

For item 10 of the QLACS questionnaire (“In the past four weeks, you were bothered by being unable to function sexually”), almost 40% of the patients answered “sometimes” and almost 13% answered “frequently”.

For item 12 of the QLACS questionnaire (“In the past four weeks, you were dissatisfied with your sex life”), over 40% of the patients answered “sometimes” and almost 15% answered “frequently”.

For item 16 of the QLACS questionnaire (“In the past four weeks, you lacked interest in sex”), over 60% of the patients answered “sometimes” and almost 25% answered “very often”.

For item 26 of the QLACS questionnaire (“In the past four weeks, you avoided sexual activity”), over 25% of the patients answered “frequently”, over 20% answered “very often” and over 20% answered “always”.

In November 2019, we have started gathering data for the brochure that will be designed at the end of the study. As such, we are currently meeting on a regular basis to decide which is the most relevant information that should be included and we are working on the first draft of the visual outline and artwork.

Please provide a current budget on how much you have spent to date. Receipts may be requested.

So far, we have spent approximately 7500 EURO for staffing - screening and consultations. Because the money was wired to the University, the payments were delivered as grant-related salaries; proofs are available upon request.

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