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Subject: Surgeons meeting Barcelona, 23 September 2007

Dear Colleague,

The recently launched BIG “-omics” trials, MINDACT, ALTTO and Neo-ALTTO have particularly crucial translational research parts that require a good understanding, critical preparation and good communication between the different specialities involved. Indeed, for these new targeted treatment trials, the roles of the surgeon and the pathologist are crucial for their success. Therefore, BIG decided to use the opportunity of the 14th European Cancer Conference in Barcelona (ECCO 14) to organise an informative meeting for surgeons who travel to attend this conference.

With this letter we would like to inform you about this meeting which will take place on 23 September, 2007 from 10.00 to 11.30 AM at the Hotel AC Barcelona, Passeig Taulat 278, Barcelona.

At this meeting key investigators of the MINDACT and ALTTO studies will present the details of the trials, with a special focus on the role of the surgeon. Surgeons attending this meeting will have the opportunity to raise any issues that they feel need to be clarified for the smooth conduct of these trials in their centres. You will find enclosed the detailed programme of the meeting.

Because this initiative is not financially supported, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that BIG cannot cover any travel expenses. Therefore, BIG is hoping to reach the surgeons who plan to attend the ECCO 14 conference in Barcelona.

For your information, a similar meeting will be organised for pathologists in Istanbul, on Saturday 8 September 2007, taking advantage of the 21st ECP in Istanbul.

We remain at your disposal for any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

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→ Will you be able to attend the meeting in Barcelona? (yes / no)