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Manuscript "Rehabilitation Service Assessment and Workforce Capacity Building in Albania – A Civil Society Approach"

To the Editor

Prof. Gutenbrunner addressed me with a question forwarded from the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* regarding his above mentioned manuscript. As Chairman of the Ethics Committee of Hannover Medical School, I want to clarify that this project is not a study in the general medical meaning, and therefore, based on the German Medical Association's professional code of conduct, no ethic committee approval is necessary. However, having checked the content of the manuscript, I do not see any concern from the point of view of Medical Ethics.

With kind regards

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