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The Workshop on methods in clinical cancer research in Waldhaus FLIMS is an excellent opportunity to learn about the design of clinical trials in oncology. Developing my own study protocol at the FLIMS Workshop was a great honour and at the same time one of the most challenging experiences in my scientific career. At FLIMS you will work hard on your protocols but you will receive the most qualified support and motivation in any aspect of this process. The workshop provides a well-structured schedule of lectures, small group discussions, protocol developing groups with peers from different fields and additional one-to-one coaching. Faculty members are recognised experts in the field, who were extremely motivated and always approachable for questions and advise during the course. Remarkable support was provided by the statisticians who were not only able to explain difficult statistical concepts, but suggested many innovative ideas to improve our study designs.

It is very encouraging to work within a group of international young oncologist on development of clinical trials. As a paediatric oncologist, I feel that the exchange and collaboration with medical oncologist is essential and a great opportunity to improve our paediatric clinical trials in the future. I need to mention the excellent work of the administration, organisation and technical support team, who were of great help at any time from 7am to 2am with skills, patience and motivation.

On top of all this, this workshop takes place in a beautiful area in Switzerland and a walk to lake Cauma is well-deserved after submitting the final protocol on the last day of the course. For any young oncologist who aims to design clinical trials, I can highly recommend to apply with your protocol for this outstanding workshop.