Author's response to reviews

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Re: A Randomized Controlled Trial of an Extensive Lifestyle Management Intervention (ELMI) Following Cardiac Rehabilitation: Study Design and Baseline Data

Thank you for you letter of August 7, 2002. I was happy to here your response.

I have read the suggested revisions and made the appropriate changes as outlined below, using the same order as the reviewer.

1. The manuscript has been significantly shortened by the removal of one table (previously Table 2), shortening of two tables (now Table 1 and Table 5), and combining two tables into one (now Table 6). If you feel more editing is necessary please inform me.
2. I feel this comment can be broken down into two parts:
   a. Clarification has been made to address the first two statements of Reviewer’s point number two, this can be found on page 18 in the second paragraph.
   b. The Reviewer is correct to point out that further information regarding those patients who were not eligible or refused would provide valuable insight into how representative this population is. Unfortunately at this point in time we do not have the information available that the reviewer has requested. We do plan to pursue this idea and hope to present it as a separate manuscript to an appropriate journal.
3. The abstract has been changed to reflect this comment.
4. This has been mentioned on page 13 in the first paragraph.

I have completed and faxed the competing interests form to your office.

Please contact me if any further information is necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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