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To Dr Christopher Foote,

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On behalf of the rest of co-authors I will like to thank you for your interest in our paper. Below you will find our answer about editorial request.

Thanks for considering,

Dr. Pablo Alonso.
Editorial requests:

1) Clarify whether you have ethical approval and external funding for your study, and if so, could you send evidence of your approvals to the address below?

Reply:

• In the “Ethical issues” section of the new version’s manuscript (p.16), we clarify that the study was approved by the ethics committees corresponding to those of the participating health centers. In addition, we attach the approval’s Certificate in English of Reference’s Ethic Committee and the original Certificate in Spanish.

• In the “Funding” section of the new version’s manuscript (p. 21), we clarify that the study was an external funding of the Instituto de Salud Carlos III (governmental grant). In addition, we attach a document in English, in which the director of the Research Institute of Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau reports that the study received this grant and the original document of Instituto de Salud Carlos III in Spanish.

2) Could you also provide a list of any manuscripts that are under submission with other journals based on this study protocol?

Reply: No other manuscripts are under submission at the moment.

3) BioMed Central requires all controlled clinical trials to be registered in a suitable publicly accessible registry prior to consideration for publication. The trial registers that currently meet all of the ICMJE guidelines can be found at http://www.icmje.org/faq.html.

Reply: We registered the trial at http://clinicaltrials.gov/ and its number is NCT01363531. Also, in “Abstract” (p. 4) and “Methods” section (p. 9) of the manuscript contains the registration number.