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Dear editor, In your e-mail dd 7 november 2011, you asked me "to revise the methods section of your manuscript to clarify whether all of the patients will be recruited from the Utrecht area".

On pag 13 I added the following words. I placed them between " ":

Ten hospitals and four primary care psychological practices (working with several referring GPs), "in different parts of the Netherlands", have agreed to collaborate in the trial. "This ensures that the study population will be representative of the whole Dutch population."