Author's response to reviews

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Dear Sir;

Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit a revised version of our manuscript. Hopefully the comments below will be sufficient for the on-going editorial process.

Comments:
1) Kristin Taraldsen was not included as an author in the submission system due to a mistake. Her name is of course on the authors list and her work is mentioned in the Authors’ contributions. I quote: “PT and KT have made substantial contributions to the implementation of the study protocol, testing and ongoing data collection….. All authors contributed to the writing and review of the manuscript and approved the final version.” Her name will definitely be included in the following submission.

2) The flowchart has now been included at the end of the manuscript. You will see some changes as compared to the first version: Three patients originally assessed for eligibility by the project but not meeting the inclusion criteria have been added. Therefore the total number is 1077 and not 1074. One patient correctly allocated but not being transferred according to the randomization result has been removed form “Excluded for other reasons” to “Allocated”. Therefore the allocated number is 401 and not 400. Furthermore, we have re-categorized some patients “Not meeting the inclusion criteria” versus “Other reasons”. All changes have been included both in the abstract, in the text on page 12 and in the flowchart.

3) We have also added a change on page 4 in the text on secondary endpoints, and on page 9 a short comment on collection of information on death.

4) In the text on page 10 we have made an additional specification of the procedure for application of the ActivPal sensors.

5) Some misspellings have been corrected.

6) All changes can be tracked.

With kind regards

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