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Dear BioMed Central Editorial Production Team,

We thank the Editorial Production Team for their thorough inspection of the manuscript. In this cover letter we will address subsequently all requested formatting changes.

First of all we included in the abstract a discussion heading, however not above the final paragraph of the abstract as requested. We realised that a discussion sentence was lacking and this final part of the abstract was part of the analysis section of the design. So we added in the abstract a discussion heading with the sentence: This study is the first RCT of this size to gain further insight on the effect of passive movement therapy on the severity of paratonia.

Furthermore we corrected in the manuscript some minor typing errors and all other requested formatting changes:

Abstract- we removed the key words

Author's contributions- has been changed to Authors' contributions

Diagram 1- has been renamed as Table 1 and any references are updated within the text.

The diagram placement text has been deleted.

Page 2, line 22; eg. Has been corrected into e.g.

Page 5, line 12; assessment has been corrected into assessment

page 5- 'the clinical manifestation of paratonia.[6]' has been changed to 'the clinical manifestation of paratonia [6].'

Page 5, line 16; i.e has been corrected into i.e.

Page 8- 'and level 7= very severe cognitive decline.[18] ' has been changed to 'and level 7= very severe cognitive decline [18].'
Kind regards,
Hans Hobbelen