Author's response to reviews

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Author's response to reviews:

As requested in your email from 17-6-2011 we would like to submit the first revision of our manuscript “Effects of shared medical appointments on quality of life and cost-effectiveness for patients with chronic neuromuscular disease. Study protocol of a randomized controlled trial.”

This study has been reviewed and approved by the medical ethics committee of the region Arnhem-Nijmegen, the Netherlands. (reference CMO nr. 2008/224) Proof for this ethical approval has been sent through email to mr Bongcayao on 20th of June 2011.

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A manuscript for the protocol of a Cochrane review on shared medical appointments is currently under submission with the Cochrane Collaboration.

This study has been registered in the NTR (Dutch Trial Registration nr NTR1412), www.nederlandtrialregister.nl. This registry currently meets the ICMJE guidelines.

No changes to the original manuscript have been made.

We hope we have answered all your questions correctly and look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

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