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Dear members of the editorial board,

As requested by Mr. Rodis, I have made some changes in the manuscript about several editorial requirements he pointed out.

The first comment was about the format of the abstract. I have changed the abstract according to the guidelines for authors for study protocols with the subheadings Background, Methods/design and Discussion.

The second comment was that I should adhere the CONSORT guidelines for RCT’s. Here for I made some changes in the design en method section. The subheadings about Randomization, Assessments and study design are combined in one subheading Study design. Furthermore, I have combined the subheadings Primary outcomes and Secondary outcomes into one subheading called Outcome variables. There I mentioned every outcome variable and if it is a primary outcome measure as mentioned in the CONSORT statement.

The last change is that I have placed the economic evaluation under the subheading Analysis because it consists of an economic analysis method to determine the cost effectiveness of a physical therapy program in cervical dystonia.
I hope we have made sufficient changes in the manuscript and we would be most grateful if you would consider it for publication as a study protocol.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of Prof. dr. Marina de Koning-Tijssen

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