Author's response to reviews

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Dear Mrs Bravo and Mrs Cruz,

We want to thank you for your expressed interest in our manuscript and will hereby answer your questions.

Firstly, you asked for copies of approval of the ethical and funding institutions translated and signed. This took more time than expected, but we now have received and forwarded them to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com.

Secondly, you asked us to confirm whether our study protocol has undergone peer-review by a funding body.

To answer your question the study is externally funded by a charitable foundation (‘Stichting tot steun VCVCZ’). To get this funding the research proposal was peer reviewed by their research committee (including a professor in Psychiatry and a professor in Ethics). For the remaining part of the requested grant we have a guarantee from the Department of Psychiatry, VU University Medical Center. Finally the research protocol of the study has both been approved by the science committee of the EMGO+ Institute for Health and Care Research (www.EMGO.nl) and the Medical Ethics Review Committee of the VU University Medical Center (number 2013.275).

To answer your third question regarding the study status I can inform you that we are planning to start the study around the 15th of February 2014.

To answer your fourth question we clarify that there are no related articles published.

Finally we want to inform you that the study is registered in the Nederlands Trialregister (NTR), number is TC4321.

I hope that with this letter and the requested copies I informed you sufficiently. However if needed I am more than willing to answer more questions.

Sincerely yours,
On behalf of all authors
Hanna M. Heller (corresponding author)