**Author's response to reviews**

**Title:** Effectiveness of strength training in combination with Botulinum Toxin-A on hand activity in children with cerebral palsy: A pre-post intervention study

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Dear Editor,


We appreciate Jules Becher’s comments and recommendations regarding our manuscript. Below you will find our point-by-point response to the reviewer’s comments.

**Reviewer: Jules Becher**

I am satisfied with the comments and adaptation to the document of the authors, with one exception. The authors kept the term “hand activity” in the document. According to the ICF internationally accepted terminology, hand activity is a non-existing terminology. Hand is on the level of body structures, activity on activity level.

I propose to the authors to change this term into an ICF (CY) accepted terminology, as fine hand use (page 154 of the ICF-CY) or hand and arm use (page 155). The use of a lot of different terminology in scientific articles will only cause confusion.

*Response: We agree with the reviewer and have changed the terminology ‘hand activity’ to ‘hand and arm use’ throughout the manuscript and manuscript title.*

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

*Response: Thank you for the positive remark.*
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

**Response:** We have had the manuscript edited by a native-English speaker with scientific expertise, prof. Brian Hopkins, and trust that the written English now is acceptable.

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

We have also changed the document according to the manuscript formatting checklist and hope that you will find that we have amended the paper so that it is ready for publication in BMC Pediatrics.

Kind regards, on behalf of all authors,

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