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Title: The Sugarsquare study: Protocol of a multicentre randomized controlled trial concerning a web-based patient portal for parents of a child with Type 1 Diabetes

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Dear Dr. Olino,

We would like to thank the editor for the opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled: ‘Study protocol The Sugarsquare study: Protocol of a multicentre randomized controlled trial concerning a web-based patient portal for parents of a child with Type 1 Diabetes’, ID MS: 6544994271158845.

We would hereby like to take the opportunity to respond to the requests in the e-mail of January 8th and explicate the changes made in the manuscript, based on these comments. In this document we will respond to all comments separately.

We hope you will consider our manuscript for publication in your journal and we look forward to the remainder of the submission process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or requests.

Yours sincerely,

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I hereby confirm that our protocol was extensively peer-reviewed and approved by a medical-ethical Board as well as the funding (non-commercial) organization. Official documents in Dutch and signed translations were submitted electronically through e-mail, addressed to **BMCseriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com**, January 21, 2014.

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2. Title Page: Please include a title page at the front of your manuscript file. It should contain, at minimum, the names, institutions, countries and email addresses of all authors, and the full postal address of the submitting author.

Changes in the Title Page have been made according to request. Telephone number and e-mail address was added to the postal address of the submitting author. E-mail addresses of co-authors were added. A new document named “Boogerd et al, Studyprotocol The Sugarsquare study_revision 01.doc”, in which the changes have been made is submitted.
3. Additionally, from the screenshot presented as Figure 1 it appears that the Sugarsquare website is functional. As such we would ask that a link to the site be provided. If the site is not viewable to the public, we would ask a link to a version which reviewers can access, if necessary, be provided.

Sugarsquare is, indeed, functional. The local Sugarsquares are not public, for privacy reasons and are therefore not accessible for anyone but the research team, patients and involved healthcare professionals. There is, however, a demo-version of Sugarsquare: https://demo.suikerpleinouders.nl/

Reviewers can login there, using:

- Gebruikersnaam [username] test.account.Sugarsquare01
- Wachtwoord [password] 12ee1234

All Sugarsquares, including the demo-version, are in Dutch.