Author's response to reviews

Title: Participation in everyday activities and quality of life in pre-teenage children living with cerebral palsy in South West Ireland.

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for your comments. We have taken all the comments on board and changed accordingly. The comments have strengthened the paper and we hope the paper is now acceptable for publication.

**Reviewer Mary Law**

All comments have been incorporated.
- The suggestion of making a stronger link between quality of life and participation and the factors affecting both has been incorporated.
- The rationale for why we chose the FPQ to define participation and the use of the ICF and how it guided this selection: this has been strengthened in the background and the methods section of the paper.
- The limitation of the study that frequency of participation alone was done on the sample is now mentioned in the discussion
- Acronyms (ICF and FPQ) have been replaced with full name where necessary

**Reviewer Jan Willem Gorter**

All comments have been incorporated.
- The terms mild moderate and severe impairment has been removed where appropriate and justified where used with the term severity of CP suggested by the reviewer used. Wording in the conclusion of the abstract has been reworded as suggested by the reviewer. Terminology and use of the term participation and activity have been clarified. The heading impairment has been removed from the discussion.

- Minor revisions have all been corrected. Measures mentioned in the methods of the abstract, effect of severity replaces effect of impairment in the abstract, age group wording has been justified, ICF given its full name, and wording nurses removed from the background where we had previously written nurses and clinicians. Voorman et al age group of his study has been inserted and finally the figure title has been lengthened giving age group and age range in the title.

We do hope we are now good enough and clear enough to warrant publication. We look for ward to hearing from you.

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