Author's response to reviews

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We would again like to thank the editor and reviewers for careful and fast reading of our manuscript. We have considered all the comments given by the editor and reviewers. We have made revisions of the manuscript in accordance with them. Below, we detail our response point by point.

Reviewer 1: Make the minor suggested revisions
Comment: We have made all minor changes according to the reviewer’s recommendation. We want to thank the reviewer for this valuable contribution.

Reviewer 2:
1) Either add a discussion of the serious limitations in this cost-effectiveness analysis or delete.
Comment: We have deleted the cost-effectiveness analysis from the manuscript.

2) Change Study therapist to therapist as suggested.
Comment: Changed accordingly.

3) Add further info as suggested about time spent with logging in, printing, logging out. If not included in the time spent measure either add it or mention this limitation.
Comment: We have added a sentence clarifying this issue: “The therapist was not allowed to do any patient work outside the treatment platform log system.”

4) Please add the exact number of drop-outs.
Comment: This is indeed an important issue. If a participant only completes 7 modules but has worked very well with the behavior analysis part, he/she does
not necessarily need completing all modules to get better treatment effect. The important part in this treatment is whether you have a plan for your ERP exercises or not. Thus, our definition of dropouts is not completing the behavior analysis part and we chose this cut-off because the central component in the treatment is ERP. We have added information about this “Three participants did not begin the ERP exercises and were therefore considered as dropouts.”.

Kind regards

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