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We apologize for the delay in our reaction to your mails. The corresponding author was on holiday-leave and therefore could not respond in time.

In the following we describe the changes we have made in the manuscript based on your comments.

Abstract: this abstract does not have the correct structure. Please reformat it to use these headings: Background, Methods/Design, Discussion.

We have changed the structure of the abstract in accordance with your
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The email address of the corresponding author is given.

Structure: Change introduction to background. Change methods to methods/design.

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We performed a final check. We changed the following:

• Title page- author list: we added ‘Inholland University of Applied Sciences, Research Group Mental Health Nursing, Amsterdam’ to the first author.

• Ethical considerations: we changed ‘will be judged by the Medical Ethical Committee of the VU University Medical Centre for final approval’ by ‘has been approved by ....’.
We hope we have provided satisfying reactions to your remarks. If not we will be glad to hear from you.

With kind regards, on behalf of all authors,

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