Author's response to reviews

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Cover letter:

A point-by-point description of the changes made:

Dear Prof Pim Cuijpers,

Thank you for the acceptance of our manuscript for publication in principle. The manuscript has now been revised according to the responses I got on e-mail from the BMC Series Editorial Production Team. In the subsequent text, we give a point-by-point description of the changes made.

Best regards,

Nina Hasselberg
Major revision:

1. Author List: Please provide a separate author list on the title page. Please also ensure this list of authors is written exactly as they are in the submission system, both in style and order.

   We have revised the separate author list on the title page.

2. References: Please make sure references are cited in numerical order. We notice references 36 and 37 are not cited numerically within the main text. Please make sure references continue to be cited in numerical order once these references are correctly cited.

   We have revised the references to be cited in numerical order and made sure that the references are correctly cited.

Minor revisions:

3. Highlighting/tracking: Please remove all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript.

   We have removed all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript.

4. Typography: Please take this opportunity to check your manuscript for any typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions.

   We have added the word ‘health’ in the places where we have used ‘mental’ to ensure that we have used the same term throughout the manuscript.
   - the first sentence in the abstract section.
     “Crisis resolution teams (CRTs) aim to help patients in acute mental health crises without admitting them to hospital”.
   - The last paragraph of the page 4, in the background section.
     “Bookle and Webber found that people of black ethnic origin used home treatments to the same extent as other ethnic groups in mental health crises [20].”
   - The first paragraph of the ‘outcome of crisis’ in the discussion section.
“However, patients with severe mental health illnesses were not common in our sample compared with studies in the UK. In studies of home-care acute psychiatric treatment based on data collected before the government proposed the establishment of nationwide CRTs in the UK, it was found that 53 – 62 % of the patients had psychotic disorders [36-39].” and

“Although the interventions of the CRTs are meant to be brief, this finding indicates that these teams should provide intensive treatments for patients experiencing acute mental health crises rather than referring them to other parts of the mental health system or for rapid discharge.”

- In the ‘strengths and limitations’ section.

“The patients in this study were included because they were experiencing an acute mental health crisis.”

We have added the word ‘and’ before the fourth aim in the last paragraph in the background section.

“The aim of the present study was to investigate and compare patients and CRTs with respect to: 1) content of treatment and service practices; 2) outcomes of crises; 3) predictors of favourable outcomes; and 4) where possible, compare Norwegian data with data from the UK.”