Author's response to reviews

Title: Efficacy of an adjunctive brief psychodynamic psychotherapy to usual inpatient treatment of depression: rationale and design of a randomized controlled trial

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Dear Editor,

Re: Changes on Submission MS: 1273354605789466 as suggested by BMC Psychiatry

We resubmit the above manuscript for consideration for publication in BMC Psychiatry after changes and clarifications have been made according to BMC Psychiatry editorial office e-mail.

*The present study has received external funding by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)*

The Swiss National Science Foundation ([http://www.snf.ch](http://www.snf.ch)) is the most important Swiss agency promoting scientific research. SNSF peer reviewed the study protocol as part of the funding selection process. The funding is non-commercial. Under Study design (page 8 of revised manuscript) we added: “It has been peer-reviewed in the successful funding selection process by the Swiss National Science Foundation (Grant 32003B_135098/1)”.

We uploaded the original document and a document in English attesting the decision of the SNSF. It has been endorsed and signed by a contactable person (Dr Christoph Meier) at the SNSF. It includes details of the amount of funding that was awarded for the study (288,000.00 CHF, ie 287,500.00 USD).

Under competing interests (page 21 of the revised manuscript), we state that the SNSF has no role in study design; the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data; the writing of the manuscript; or the decision to submit this manuscript for publication. We also added a sentence stating that the funding is non-commercial.

*Ethic approval was granted by the Ethics Committee of the University of Lausanne*

We uploaded the original document and a translated version of the ethical approval. It has been endorsed and signed by a contactable person (Prof. Frederic Stiefel) at the Ethics Committee of the University of Lausanne. Ethics approval (date of approval: 12/04/2010) is stated on page 8 of the revised manuscript.

*This study has not received funding/assistance from commercial organization.*

Under competing interests (page 21 of the revised manuscript), all authors declare that: (1) No author has support for the submitted work; (2) Authors have no relationships that might have an interest in the submitted work in the previous 3 years; (3) their spouses, partners, or children have no financial relationships that may be relevant to the submitted work; and (4) Authors have no non-financial interests that may be relevant to the submitted work.

*This study is registered on the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trial Registry (ANZCTR)*

The ANZCTR is recognised as an ICMJE acceptable registry. Trial number is ACTRN12612000909820.

Trial registration number is stated in the Abstract under Trial registration (page 4 of the revised manuscript). The following sentence has been added on page 8 of the revised manuscript: “This trial is registered as: “Efficacy of an adjunctive brief psychodynamic psychotherapy compared to treatment-as-usual for psychiatric inpatients with unipolar major depressive episode” at the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trial Registy (ACTRN12612000909820).”

List of any manuscripts that are under submission with other journals based on this study protocol

No manuscript based on this study protocol is currently under submission with other journals.
Stage of the study
Study is currently continuing follow-up. It is closed to recruitment of participants (as of June 2012). This sentence has been added on page 17 of the revised manuscript under Patients recruitment.

We hope that these changes will meet BMC Psychiatry expectations. Thank-you for considering the manuscript for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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