Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Catherine Olino

Journal Editorial Office

Thank you so much for your kind attention.

Regarding your last e-mail and some points that you mentioned, please consider the following descriptions:

Question: clarify whether you have ethical approval and external funding for your study. If you do, please send evidence of your approvals to us by email. Proof of external funding should include details of the amount of funding that was awarded for your study.

Answer: we have ethical approval from ethics committee of Tehran University of Medical Sciences. We mentioned this point in 8th page of the manuscript. Also, this study has been funded by Ministry of Health, but through Tehran Psychiatric Institute. We wrote this point in acknowledgment section and the evidence for these two points has been attached to my e-mail to Journal Editorial Board.

Question: provide a list of any manuscripts that are under submission with other journals based on this study protocol.

Answer: at present, there is no any manuscript based on this study protocol under submission with other journals.

Question: central requires all controlled clinical trials to be registered in a suitable publicly accessible registry prior to consideration for publication. The trial registers that currently meet all of the ICMJE guidelines can be found at <<<http://www.icmje.org/faq.pdf>>>

Answer: This clinical trial has been registered in IRCT which is one of the
registries that currently meet the criteria of International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (belong to World Health Organization). Also, from the June 2007 the ICMJE accept registration in any of the primary registries that participate in the WHO International Clinical Trials Portal. (http://www.who.int/ictrp/network/primary/en/index.html).

I wrote trial registration number at the end of the abstract. (IRCT201009052557N2)

I uploaded the revised version at 'my BioMed Central'.

Best regards

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