Author’s response to reviews

Title: Multidisciplinary outpatient care program for patients with chronic low back pain: design of a randomized controlled trial and cost-effectiveness study [ISRCTN28478651]

Authors:

Ludeke C Lambeek (l.lambeek@vumc.nl)
Johannes R Anema (h.anema@vumc.nl)
Barend J van Royen (bj.vanroyen@vumc.nl)
Peter C Buijs (p.buijs@arbeid.tno.nl)
Paul I Wuisman (bj.vanroyen@vumc.nl)
Maurits W van Tulder (m.vantulder@vumc.nl)
Willem van Mechelen (m.vanmechelen@vumc.nl)

Version: 3 Date: 17 September 2007

Author’s response to reviews:

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled ‘Multidisciplinary outpatient care program for patients with chronic low back pain: design of a randomized controlled trial and cost-effectiveness study’, which we would like to submit for publication in BMC Public Health.

In this revised manuscript, we changed the following changes:

- Removed the text ‘Study protocol’ from the title page;
- Changed notation of the email addresses;
- Removed the key index terms;
- Renamed 'Methods/design' in 'Methods/Design' in abstract and manuscript;
- Removed 'Results' section in Abstract;
- Insert 'Discussion' section in Abstract;
- Removed parentheses from the sentences by competing interests;
- Renamed 'List of abbreviations' in 'Abbreviations';
- Put all the abbreviations on one line by separating them with a comma and semi-colon;
- Renamed 'Reference list' to 'References';
- Removed the title and figure numbers in figure file;
- Create a Figure legend in the manuscript and insert the titles and legends of the figures;
- Insert tables 1-3 in the manuscript and deleted table 1-3 from the submission
system;
- Removed the shaded text of table 1-2;
- Moved the abbreviations of table 1-2 outside the table;
- Removed hard returns out of table 1-3;
- Added missing authors in the references.
- Changed journal name reference 31, 32 into occupational and environmental medicine.
- Removed the email address of P Wuisman because unfortunately he recently past away. Therefore we inserted the email address of B van Royen;
- Changed the word ¿worker¿ into ¿patient¿ in the title of the manuscript.

We hope you agree on these changes.

On behalf of all authors,

Yours sincerely,

L.C. Lambeek, MSc
EMGO-Institute
VU University Medical Center