Author's response to reviews

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To the
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Dear BioMed Central Editorial Team

In response to the reviewer’s and editorial comments we have undertaken a further revision of the manuscript text and the figures of our paper. Changes are on yellow background

A detailed response to the comments raised by the reviewer and the editorial office follows below (also on yellow background):

Referee 1:
"Reviewer's report I want to thank the authors for their efforts to clarify this paper and I think it is significantly better. After several readings I understand what the authors are trying to show and why. I make only one minor Discretionary suggestion.

Authors’ response: We’re grateful for the suggestions we’ve received in the peer review process. We likewise feel that the paper is now better.

1) On page 7 you state "we use the following criteria in defining responders". You then have two rules for handling missing data and then define a responder. Would it be acceptable to you to state "The following two rules were applied to the data set to handle missing data." Then follow with the two bulleted rules; and then state, without a bullet that, "A responder is then defined as any patient who achieves at least the predefined level of change specified or greater. For example, a patient with exactly 50% pain relief and a patient with 57% pain relief would both be counted as responders at the 50% level.” I think this will make it clearer for the reader.

Authors’ response: Thank you for this suggestion. We have made the suggested changes (using your text).

I look forward to seeing the response to this paper. "

Editorial comments:

Please add labels to the y-axis of all graphs included in your manuscript.

Authors’ response: We’ve done so.
We hope that we have answered the reviewer’s and your comments to your satisfaction.

With best wishes

Sebastian Straube