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Dear Editor
Re: A mixed methods study to evaluate the clinical and cost-effectiveness of a self-managed exercise programme versus usual physiotherapy for chronic rotator cuff disorders: protocol for the SELF study.

Please find enclosed our revised protocol for consideration for publication with BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. In response to the e-mail dated the 29th February 2012 the following sections have been added to the manuscript:

1. Ethical approval
The protocol was approved by the National Research Ethics Service Committee Yorkshire & the Humber – Leeds West, UK on the 6th January 2012.

2. Competing interests
The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

Also in response to the e-mail I can confirm that the study has been awarded external funding from the National Institute for Health Research, UK and letters confirming this and the ethical approval have been e-mailed through to the editorial office. I can confirm that the study is registered with Current Controlled Trials and the ISRCTN is included in the manuscript

I’ll look forwards to receiving your response in due course.

With kind regards
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