Author's response to reviews

Title: Characteristics of children with hip displacement in cerebral palsy

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Answer Referee 1 (Freeman Miller)

We appreciate the positive response.

The prevention programme and the procedures performed in the children born 1992-1997 until 2003 has been described in detail in an earlier paper (ref 6). We have added this information in the Discussion.

Answer Referee 2 (Kerr Graham)

We appreciate the supporting words, and we have revised the paper as follows;

1. Yes, but we realise that this is not clearly described. We have changed the text, and now only present the risk regarding MP > 40%.
2. We agree, we have changed the references.
3. We agree (and apologize), we have changed the references.
4. The comments and suggestions are wise. Of the 18 children described as "not participating in CPUP" 10 participated in the clinical follow-up, but not in the radiographical follow-up of the hips. We have now separated the two groups in Table 3. We have added a Table with description of subtype and GMFCS-level of the 18 children. Most of them had subtype ataxia or spastic hemiplegia. Unfortunately the radiographic hip status was unknown for some of these children.
5. The typographical error has been corrected. There were three children with MP>33%. Two of them were described as having increased muscle tone of the adductors (Type IV), the third not.
6. In the Methods, we have clarified that GMFCS is an age-related system. We have added that Table 1 shows the criteria for children 6-12 years of age.
7. We agree - we have changed Figure 3 A and B to Figure 3 and 4.