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Title: Low back pain education and short term quality of life: a randomized trial [ISRCTN48558333]

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Dears in the BioMed Central Editorial Team,

Thank you for sending me the reviewers’ comments. I found their comments helpful. Thus the manuscript was revised based on their recommendations. Please find the following point-by-point answers to their queries.

Dr. Mau:

1. The issue of the high proportion of housewives in the study was discussed at the end of discussion section and indicated that in Iran being a housewife involves a considerable amount of physical and social activities.
2. More details on the medication were provided in the method section. The medication for both groups was the same.
3. The statement that most patients were suffering from discopathies ........ was omitted and instead we added some clinical information in Table 1.
4. Discussion was tidy-up. The second paragraph in page 10 and the paragraph in page 10-11 were shortened.
5. The ill-defined categories in Table 1 were further explained.
6. Table 2 and Table 5 are presenting different data sets. We think it is impossible to integrate these two tables.

Dr. Hurri:

1. The title was revised.
2. The patients' descriptions were added to Table 1. This includes the exact pain duration and the sciatica status for both groups.
3. The ability to work as missing outcome measure was acknowledged in the discussion section.
4. The randomization process was added in the method section.
5. It was indicated that the treatment allocation was not concealed.
6. The patients were not blinded to the intervention.
7. The intention-to treat analysis was acknowledged.

Hope you find the corrections satisfactory.
Wish you all the best.
Ali Montazeri