Author's response to reviews

Title: The effectiveness of pulsed electrical stimulation in the management of osteoarthritis of the knee: a protocol for a randomised controlled trial

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Dear Editors,

Please find attached the revised version of the manuscript, The effectiveness of pulsed electrical stimulation (E-PES in the management of osteoarthritis of the knee: a protocol for a randomised controlled trial.

Changes made by request:

Abstract: Discussion section added
Body of manuscript: Discussion section added
Reference list: All authors now listed
Figure cropping: Figure 2 has been altered and sized to use up a greater part of the page in order to decrease white space around the edges.
Figure 1 has also been altered to leave less white space down the right hand side of the page.

Additional changes made:

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- The explanation of exactly how the placebo device works has been omitted. Having that information in the public domain while the trial is underway may inadvertantly unblind subjects if they were to become aware of how the placebo works. After consideration it was best thought to take that part out.
- Clarified sentence regarding statistical analysis of activity level data.
- Interchanging use of the terms study and trial has been omitted and the term trial consistently used throughout.
- Spelling of randomization changed to randomisation to be consistent with title and use of randomised throughout manuscript.
- Several small typographical changes made.
We hope you find these changes satisfactory and that they have met all requirements.

 Regards

 Robyn Fary