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Dear editor

No further corrections were needed in this manuscript according to the referee, Lucy Yardley.

As requested by the editor, the number of words in the abstract has been reduced, and now consists of 343 words.

Other corrections made:

The report from one statistical analysis was left out in the last version. It has now been added, and is found in the article accordingly as marked in red in this letter.

Statistical analysis, p. 7, 2nd paragraph: One-way analysis of variance with Bonferroni’s post-hoc test was performed to determine the significant differences between diagnostic group means.

Results, p. 8, 3rd paragraph: The median symptom duration (IQR) was 7.1 (5.5) years. In the total sample, the mean (SD) symptom score on the VSS-SF was 13.9 (10.8); on the VSS-V it was 7.5 (6.8), and on the VSS-A it was 6.4 (5.3). Significant higher scores were seen in the non-otogenic compared to the vestibular schwannoma group on the total and sub-scale scores.

Discussion, p. 10, 1st paragraph: At the time of the survey, the whole sample had severe symptoms of dizziness years after onset, and dizziness was associated
with vertigo/balance- as well as autonomic/anxiety-related symptoms in all
diagnostic groups. Significantly more severe dizziness was seen in the
non-otogenic compared to the vestibular schwannoma group.

Table 2
The mean (SD) scores of VSS-V have been corrected from 5.60 (6.34) to 6.91
(6.36).
The term “Non-vestibular dizziness” has been changed to “Non-otogenic
dizziness” for conformity with the other tables

Minor linguistic and spelling mistakes have been corrected throughout the
manuscript which has been examined with respect to formatting

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