Author's response to reviews

Title: Perceived outcomes of music therapy with Body Tambura in end of life care - a qualitative pilot study.

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled “Perceived outcomes of music therapy with Body Tambura in end of life care - a qualitative pilot study” and below the point to point reply.

We are very grateful for your comments, which helped to improve the manuscript.

Changes are marked in **yellow**.

We hope that our paper is now suitable for publication.

Sincerely,

Michael Teut

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**Editorial Request:**
1. Re introduction: please clarify why and how most studies in Cochrane review on music therapy were biased

**Authors:**
We included this information in the background section.

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**Editorial Request:**
2. Financial considerations are not a valid justification of the fact that only 8 patients were included. Please remove.

**Authors:**
We removed this information.
Editorial Request:
3. What do the literature references that are now discussed in the introduction add to the Cochrane review that was already mentioned. Is there overlap?

Authors:
We shortened the introduction section and deleted unnecessary detail information.

Editorial Request:
4. Discussion of interview methodology should not be included in introduction

Authors:
We moved this section from the introduction to the methods/design section.

Editorial Request:
5. Please shorten the paper, especially the introduction and methods sections.

Authors:
We shortened introduction (s.a.) and especially the methods section (description of the instrument).

Editorial Request:
6. Please remove remaining typo's.

Authors:
We removed remaining typo's.