Author's response to reviews

Title: Cellulite and extracorporeal shockwave therapy (CelluShock-2009) - a Randomized Trial

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Dear editor,

thank you very much for your kind consideration of our study protocol “Cellulite and extracorporeal shockwave therapy (CelluShock-2009) – a randomized trial”.

We accept your kind offer to forward our manuscript to BMC Women’s Health for their consideration of our study protocol.

Regarding your two requests, we would like to comment as follows:

1) Please revise your manuscript so that your ethical approval is stated in the Methods section. Please include the name of the body which gave approval.

As indicated now in the methods section of the abstract and in the methods section in the full text IRB approval was given by the Ethical Committee at Hannover Medical School, Germany on May 22, 2009. Consequently, the trial was then registered at ClinicalTrials.gov as highlighted (ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT00947414). The study is not internal or external funded and no author has anything to disclose.

2) While we appreciate your use of the CONSORT guidelines, please revise your study protocol so that it conforms to the formatting outlined in our Instructions for Authors for study protocols as described at http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcwomenshealth/ifora/?txt_jou_id=2048&txt_mst_id=2011

Furthermore, as you have requested we have modified and revised our study protocol according to the aforementioned formatting for study protocols in BMC journals. As an adjunct, we left the reference of the given CONSORT 2010 item (such as CONSORT item 12a-Statistics) in place to highlight the adherence to the CONSORT 2010 recommendations in order to improve study protocol reporting quality.

As stated before, this is a non-industrial sponsored RCT without any external or internal funding which might have biased this work.

Sincerely yours
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(For all authors)