Author's response to reviews

Title: Effects of standard training in the use of closed-circuit televisions in visually impaired adults: design of a training protocol and a randomized controlled trial

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Dear Editorial team,

We would like to thank you for checking the manuscript thoroughly and for the opportunity to re-submit a revised version of our manuscript. Here is our point-by-point response to the comments:

1. In the changes we made for the re-submission, accidently some reference numbers have been omitted and there were mistakes in the references numbers 25 and 26 on page 10. Reference 25 is now altered to 26,27 and number 26 to 28. On page 11, the reference numbers 29 and 30 have been added to the sentence ‘The Dutch RRCs showed, even as the original German RRCs to have a high inter-chart and test-retest reliability in subjects with normal and impaired vision due to maculopathy’. This sentence was slightly altered. In the reference list and table 3, the references 27 and 28 have been changed accordingly.

2. We tried to alter the figure as requested. We hope we managed to have as little blank space as possible, however, if additional changes are necessary we will adapt the figure even more.

3. We made some more small typographical changes: we deleted ‘CCTV’ in the sentence: ‘The CCTV training program was adjusted to the needs and learning abilities of individual patients, however, for scientific reasons it might have been preferable to standardize the protocol further, in order to gain more comparable results’, on page 2. On page 3, ‘adaptation to’ has been changed in ‘adaptations in’. In the first paragraph on page 4, ‘of LVAs’ has been added to ‘continued use’. Furthermore, ‘new’ has been added to ‘Dutch national instruction for CCTV trainers’. We added the reference numbers 6,15-19 and 24, to the sentence: ‘Table 1 summarizes the main components of the CCTV training protocol. The protocol focused on various aspects, similar to those in previous studies such as: ergonomics, basic instructions for operating the CCTV and tracking skills with the X-Y table’. In the fourth paragraph on page 10, ‘Such as’ has been changed into ‘to obtain’. In the first paragraph on page 11: ‘low vision’ has been changed into ‘visual impairment’. In the last sentence on page 11 ‘administered’ was spelled wrongly.

We do hope that we have adequately addressed the comments and would like to thank you again for accepting the manuscript for publication.
Yours sincerely,

Also on behalf of the research team,

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