Author's response to reviews

Title: Implementation of Internet-based preventive interventions for depression and anxiety: role of support? The design of a randomized controlled trial.

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Revisions of the study protocol “Implementation of Internet-based preventive interventions for depression and anxiety: role of support? The design of a randomized controlled trial.” according to the points raised by the editorial board.

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Dear sir/madam,

Herewith I send you the revised manuscript (number 1624137634262112) named Implementation of Internet-based preventive interventions for depression and anxiety: role of support? The design of a randomized controlled trial', which, Annemieke van Straten, Heleen Riper, Isaac Marks, Gerhard Andersson and Pim Cuijpers and I want to resubmit for publication in “Trials”. The manuscript counts 3,874 words and includes 1 table. We have re-revised the paper according to the Editorial comment.

**Comment 1:**
In the section on Randomization, it is stated that randomization will be done by blocks of size 15. It is unfortunate that a fixed block size is used and even more unfortunate that the size is being made known. The allocation of the last participant within each block, and possibly more, will therefore be known in advance. I suggest changing the block allocation to blocks of variable sizes, which are not made known to the investigators by the independent researcher, so that allocation of all participants cannot be predicted. With that comment, I recommend publication.'

**Reply:**
We thank the editorial board for their careful comment. Allocation of participants will be done by using variable block sizes, which are unknown to the investigators by the independent researcher.

We have changed the section “randomization” on page 8:

“Subjects will be randomized into five groups (the three active treatment conditions and two control conditions) using block randomization with variable sizes. The allocation schedule will be made with a computerized random number generator by an independent researcher and will be unknown to the investigators”.

Sincerely,

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