Author's response to reviews

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The manuscript has now been changed according to your recommendations;

1) This trial has been fully accepted in national health authorities for The Regional Committee on Biomedical Research Ethics and the Danish Dataprotection Agency.

I can assure you that full ethical approval has been given and the approval is contained with the principal investigator, Mr. Jes Lindholt.

2) the image showing the screening procedure seems less relevant and we kindly ask you to delete it.

The revised manuscript file has been attached to this email

Please let me know if something else has to be changed

Best Regards
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