Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors:

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled "The effect of family-based multidisciplinary cognitive behavioral treatment in children with obesity: protocol of a randomized controlled trial" (MS: 9828472134383515). In response to the reviewer’s comments, we made the following changes (in the manuscript highlighted with 'tracked changes'):

[I don’t think readers will understand “according to the random number method”. Can the authors describe how the random sequence will be generated, such as computer generated, coin tossing, or whatever method they are using. Also, can the authors describe how the sequence once generated will be concealed until the point of randomization?]

We changed on page 6 “according to the random number method” to “… according to coin-tossing. In order to obtain a similar size of the intervention and control groups, blocked randomization is applied with a block size of 20 and an allocation ratio of 1:1. Randomization is carried out by a member of the team who does not take part in the treatment.”

We hope we changed the manuscript according to your expectations. This manuscript represents our original unpublished work and it is currently not under consideration for review for any other journal. All authors agree with submission of this revised manuscript and declare no conflict of interest.

On behalf of all authors,

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