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Dear Editor

Re: Manuscript 4101855505298504

Study Protocol: Phase III single-blinded fast-track pragmatic randomised controlled trial of a complex intervention for breathlessness in advanced disease.

Further to your email of 12th May 2011, please find uploaded Manuscript 4101855505298504 with the corrections following proof-checking. The following corrections were made (a tracked-changes version can be provided on request):

1) p8, para 1: numbers 4 and 8 converted to words
2) p9, para 1: comma inserted between ‘practical’ and ‘field’
3) p9, para 2: ‘self-manage’ corrected (‘a’ was missing)
4) p10, para 10: ‘standard’ changed to ‘usual’ for clarity
5) p11, para 2: ‘has’ changed to ‘have’
6) p14, para 2: initials removed from ‘framework analysis’
7) p14, para 3: ‘CSRI’ abbreviation inserted (to link to p18, para 3 where abbreviation is used)
8) p19, List of abbreviations: CSRI added
9) p20, para 1: ‘the’ removed before ‘revising the paper’ x4
10) p21, para 1: ‘of Health’ added to follow ‘Department’
11) p21, reference 3: hard return removed mid-reference
12) p27, Table 1: ‘Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist’ added to ‘Assessment lead’ and ‘BIS team’; ‘weeks’ unpluralised (‘First appointment’ row of column 3); ‘OT’ removed from ‘Referrals’ (column 2); ‘-’ changed to ‘=’ after SBOT (key); ‘.’ removed from below table.

I note that the two figures no longer have their titles in your formatted versions. Please could you clarify if these will be re-instated for the published version.

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