Author's response to reviews

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Cover letter 22.Feb 2011:

Dear Prof. Goldsmith,

we thank you very much for the next detailed comments and the suggestions for improvement.

We revised all points in the manuscript according to your comments and hope to meet the criterias for publication now.

Point-by-point answer to the comments:

Reviewer's report:
This revised manuscript is much better. The replies to the issues raised seem to be reasonable. One issue was the numbering of pages, that last time I counted as 30 and the authors claim there are 22. I added page numbers for the figures and tables and with these the revised manuscript still contains 30 pages.

- Thank you for the numbering - that was not clear to me to number the figures also

1. P(age) 3, p(aragraph) 3, l(ine) 5. Suggest replacing [SF36] by [SF-36] to correspond with the definitions and the rest of the paper. Also, P 11, p 8, l 1.
   - revised

2. P 5, p 2, l 2. Suggest inserting [be] between [must] and [balanced].
   - revised
3. P 9, p 7, l 1. Delete the [s] from the end of [months] to read [month] since there is 1 on either side of the goal.
   - revised

4. P 12, p 7, l 7. Delete the closing bracket [)] after [CRPS].
   - revised

5. P 13, p 7. Some of these tenses should be changed since the trial has started already. On l 1, replace [is] by [was] and at the end of the l, replace [have to be] by [were]. On l 2 insert [by] before [inclusive]. On l 3, replace [was] by [were].
   - revised

6. P 15, p 2. Suggest including [SF36-PCS] as it is used that way on P 12, p 3, l 2.
   - revised

7. P 20, Reference 42, l 2. Insert a closing square bracket [] after [sample].
   - revised

Sincerely Christoph Bartl