Author's response to reviews

Title: Effects of light-emitting diodes on muscle fatigue and exercise tolerance in patients with COPD: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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To the Editor in Chief
Doug Altman, University of Oxford

Re: Effects of light-emitting diodes on muscle fatigue and exercise tolerance in patients with COPD: a randomized clinical trial

Dear Professor,

You can find below a point-by-point response to each comment.

For # 4 while you provided the date in a format that was not clear as there are two possible interpretations. Your reply was [10/06/2011] on P(age) 5, p(aragraph) 1, l(ine) 3 which could be interpreted as Oct 6, 2011 or June 10, 2011 depending which format one uses. You could also consider using the Canadian standard which is like all other number systems and goes largest to smallest from left to right like 2011-10-06 or 2011-06-10 depending on which one you mean. You can also write out the month as 2011-OCT-06 or 2011-JUN-10 depending on which one you intend. Please clarify your answer.

*We modified as suggested.*

1. P 1, p 3, l 1. [FAPESP/SP] is not defined on P 13 and 14. Why not spell it out here rather than with the other short forms as it appears to have just here in the manuscript.

*We did it.*

2. P 4, p 2, l 5. Suggest inserting [] after [CK].

*We did it.*
3. P 4, p 4, l 2. Suggest replacing [be] by [receive].

   We did it.

4. P 5, p 1, l 1 and p 2, l 7 and 8 state the same things. Once is enough.

   We did it.

5. P 8, p 2, l 6. Delete [means of] as the words are redundant in English.

   We did it.

6. P 9, p 1, l 9, 10 and 11. Insert the cities where these companies are located.
   There may be 3.

   We did it.


   We did it.

8. P 11, p 4. Move to become part of p 1 on the same P.

   We did it.


   We did it.


    We did it.


    We did it.
Yours sincerely,

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