Author's response to reviews

Title: Deep Brain Stimulation of the Ventral Striatum/Anterior Limb of the Internal Capsule in Thalamic Pain Syndrome: study protocol for a pilot randomized controlled trial

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Dear Editors,

We thank your team and reviewers for their comments. We are pleased to know that the reviewer found the manuscript to be of importance to the field.

Here, we present the point-by-point response to editorial recommendations and comments by reviewers. Our responses are noted in regular font, while recommendations are noted in bold.

Reviewer 1:
Discretionary Revisions: elaborate on fMRI and MEG protocols used.

We have provided experimental details related to these procedures on page 15 of manuscript text. We thank the reviewer for this suggestion.

Editorial Requests:
1) Please ensure the title conforms to journal style for study protocol articles. The title should follow the format “__________: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.”

We have modified the title, which now says “Deep Brain Stimulation of the Ventral Striatum/Anterior Limb of the Internal Capsule in Thalamic Pain Syndrome: study protocol for a pilot randomized controlled trial”

2) Please ensure that your trial registration number is included at the end of your abstract.

We have added the clinicaltrials.gov registration number to the end of abstract on page 3 of manuscript text.
Thus, the attached draft with track changes reflects the revisions requested. We hope that you will find the manuscript acceptable for publication.

Sincerely,

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