Author’s response to reviews

Title: Nitrates and Bone Turnover [NABT]: trial to select the best nitrate preparation: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.

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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 changed the title as requested.

Reviewer's report
Title: Nitrates and Bone Turnover [NABT]: trial to select the best nitrate preparation: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.

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Reviewer: Charlie Goldsmith

Reviewer's report:

1. Page 2, paragraph 2, line 3. Insert [years] after [50].
The comments were addressed.

Also P 4, p 6, l 3.
The comments were addressed.

3. P 4, p 6, l 2. Rewrite as [> years], i.e., insert space.
The comments were addressed.

4. P 5, p 1, l 1 and 2. Rewrite as […with 3 times the rate of thromboembolic …].
The comments were addressed.

The course of treatment for the parathyroid hormone is 24 month (2 years), therefore the word “annually” cannot be inserted. We inserted though the time frame of the treatment with the parathyroid hormone (2 year course of treatment).

6. P 6, p 2, l 4. Rewrite as [25, 2 % to …].
The comments were addressed.

7. P 8, p 2, l 4. Rewrite as [… outcomes: …].
The comments were addressed.

8. P 9, p 1, l 7. Rewrite as [group]].
The comments were addressed.

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13. P 19, R 30 and 34. Be consistent in the use of journal title.
For R34 the journal title was replaced with “Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA”, consistent with R 30.

The comments were addressed.

15. P 21, R 60. Move date to l 1.
Date was moved to l 1.

The comments were addressed.

17. P 21, R 65 and 66. Split them up.
References 65 and 66 were split.

18. P 22, R 74, l 4. Rewrite as [… PA:59-82.].
The comments were addressed.
Sincerely,

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