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Dear Editorial Team:

Thank you very much for the thoughtful review and excellent suggestions for our manuscript entitled manuscript “Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Binge Eating Disorder in Adolescents: Study Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial” (MS: 1683420973103739) which I am re-submitting to Trials as a study protocol. Overall, I believe to have responded to all comments. Specifically, I modified the title as requested, corrected the typos and included a focus on moderator and mediator analyses in the Introduction, Methods/Design, and Discussion sections (pages 6, 12, 14, and 17). As there is no previous research on moderators and mediators in treatment studies of adolescents with BED (see page 6), I abstained from formulating hypotheses for these rather exploratory analyses. In addition to your suggestions, I had the manuscript read by a biostatistician (Dr. David Petroff) again in order to adjust the power analysis and the data analytic design to the current state of the evidence. Several changes were included in the Methodological Aspects section (pages 11, 13, 14). For clarity, please note that I have highlighted all changes made throughout the manuscript in grey.

Thank you for the opportunity to further improve this manuscript. I hope the attached version is now suitable for publication in Trials.

Yours sincerely,

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