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Title: Update to the study protocol for a randomized controlled trial comparing mindfulness-based cognitive therapy with support to taper/discontinue antidepressant medication (MBCT-TS) with maintenance anti-depressant treatment (m-ADM) in the prevention of depressive relapse/recurrence: The PREVENT trial

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Dear Professors Altman, Furshaw and Grimshaw,

Please find attached a summary of updates for the previously published Kuyken, Byford, Byng, Dalgleish et al., (2010) ‘Study protocol for a randomized controlled trial comparing mindfulness-based cognitive therapy with maintenance anti-depressant treatment in the prevention of depressive relapse/recurrence: the PREVENT trial’ in 2010. I also attach the complete protocol with these changes made, this protocol should address the points you raised in your email dated 8th May 2014.

The Trial Steering Committee and Trial Management Group have discussed and agreed making these updates to better characterise the study (research question) and enable an additional subgroup analysis based on a key trial published since 2010.

We do not have any competing interests to declare and I can suggest the following referees for this update:

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Yours Sincerely,

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