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Comment 1: Please include the date your study was registered with the trial registration number at the end of the Abstract.
Authors’ response: page 4, Abstract/ Trial registration: Registration date (15. August 2013) was added.

Comment 2: Please conceal all identifiable features of individuals pictured in figure 2.
Authors’ response: We changed the photo displayed in the screenshot (figure 2). There are no individuals in the picture anymore.

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Authors’ response: As mentioned above, we decided to remove the section of figure 2 containing images of individuals. Instead, we have chosen for a picture of our institute’s corridor that was taken by a member of the research group.