Author's response to reviews

Title: Supported local implementation of clinical guidelines in psychiatry: A two-year follow-up

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Dear Mr Aarons,

We thank the reviewers for the valuable remarks which we taken into account in the following ways:

**Reviewer: Ramesh Raghavan**

We thank the reviewer, Ramesh Raghavan for the valuable remarks. We have made the suggested revisions.

1. Questions were raised concerning our methodology and study design. The reviewer suggested that further methodological limitation should be addressed concerning the control for omitted variables. We have added this limitation in the discussion section, first paragraph, page 17.

2. The reviewer remarked about Tables 1 and 2, these show the gender distribution and mean ages of patients at the implementation and control clinics. There were no differences between the implementation and control clinics regarding gender and age distribution of the included patients. This is stated in the manuscript, page 9, first paragraph. Differences regarding age and gender was analysed using Chi-square test and T-test and the result is presented at page 9. We have after the recommendation from the reviewer eliminated Table 1 and 2.

3. Figure 2 and 3 illustrate differences in compliance to standards between implementation and control clinics. The reviewer recommended us to consider presenting one plot for the intervention and one for the controls. We agree with the reviewer and have now deleted figure 3 and merged figure 1 and 2.

4. There was some editing and proofing issues that needed to be addressed in the manuscript. We have now revised the manuscript, for e.g. used practice have changed to current practice, page 4, second paragraph.
Reviewer: Lawrence A Palinkas

We thank the reviewer for the valuable remarks. The reviewer suggested that the aims of the study should be rewritten. We have after the recommendation rewritten the aims of the study as recommended, page 5, second paragraph.

We have also corrected the language and grammar in the manuscript.

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With best wishes,

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