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Dear Editor

Thank you very much for your emails. We have responded to your four requests as best as we could. Please find the revised manuscript entitled “Attachment-oriented psychological intervention for couples facing breast cancer: protocol of a randomised controlled trial” submitted.

1. Ethical and Funding approval documentation

We have forwarded funding approval documentation from Follow-up on the Cancer Patients’ World/ The Danish Cancer Society, the PhD Foundation of Region of Southern Denmark and the Research Foundation of the Region of Southern Denmark. Ethical approval documentation has been forwarded from the Ethical Committee of Region of Southern Denmark. The relevant parts have been translated and are endorsed and signed by Dr Dorte Gilså Hansen, who can be contacted at dgilsaa@health.sdu.dk.

2: Funding

This project has received external funding from The Danish Cancer Society and The Region of Southern Denmark. This is now stated in the “competing interests” section.

The original protocol for this study underlies the application for The Danish Cancer Society and the first funding from The Region of Southern Denmark. The protocol was peer-reviewed, but as we further developed the intervention, the protocol was revised with regard to the intervention and the outcome measures. The revised protocol that provides the basis for the second funding from the region of Southern Denmark was peer-reviewed. This protocol briefly describes the intervention but does not contain the intervention guide or a description of the theoretical framework, which are described and elaborated in the protocol article.

3: Study status

We have just started analysing data and do not have any final results yet.
No other articles relating to this study are published or submitted to any journal.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards

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