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Re: Revision of “Effect evaluation of an interprofessional medication therapy management approach for multimorbid patients in primary care: a cluster-randomized controlled trial in community care (WestGem study protocol)”

Dear Wella Valenzuela,

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise our paper for possible publication in BMC Family Practice. Of course, we have responded to all of your comments. In the following we cite your remarks in italics and our respective replies are in blue:

Funding:
Please confirm in the Methods/Design section of the manuscript whether the protocol was peer-reviewed by the funding organization.

The study protocol was part of our funding proposal, which was peer-reviewed and evaluated by an interprofessional selection committee. We confirmed this fact in the Methods/Design section (see Page 7 of our manuscript – section: “Ethics and funding”).

Status of study:
Please confirm that this study is still ongoing. Based on the Trial Registration, the study trial has finished as of now. Please indicate that the data analyses have not been completed and the results submitted for publication.

We add an additional sub-section “Trial status” at the end of our manuscript, with covers all study phases already finished (see Page 12 of our manuscript). There we described that pilot testing of study documents and site recruitment were conducted in March–August 2013. Patient recruitment and baseline data collection were conducted in September–December 2013. The interprofessional medication therapy management intervention was delivered in January 2014–March 2015. Outcome data were collected in January 2014–March 2015. At the time of submission of the manuscript, data cleaning and analysis has just started.

Yours sincerely

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