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Dear Editor-in-Chief

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled:

**Virtual reality training for upper extremity in subacute stroke (VIRTUES) Study protocol of a randomized controlled multicenter trial**

Type of article: Study protocol

The requested changes in the methods section have been made. The name of the ethics committee and information about obtaining written informed consent has been added to the paragraph “Data monitoring body”.

We have forwarded the requested documents to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com, including the approval of the Norwegian Regional Committees for Medical and Health Research (protocol number 2013/0663) (att.1), the confirmation of funding from the Norwegian Research Council (att.2), and a translation of the relevant parts confirmed by the head of administration of the Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, University of Bergen, Norway, May Ruth Tolleshaug (att.3).

We confirm that the study protocol has been evaluated by peer-review of an international committee. Please find the English evaluation of the funding organization attached to the e-mail (att.4).

We confirm that we are still collecting data; the first 10 patients have been recruited. Data collection is supposed to be terminated in 2016.

The manuscript has not been submitted elsewhere nor published elsewhere in whole or in part, neither have any related articles been published. The authors do not have any conflicting interests with respect to this article.

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