Author's response to reviews

**Title:** Cognitive behavioural Internet therapy -- CBIT trial. A randomized controlled trial testing the efficacy of a web-based cognitive behavioural intervention for adult patients with chronic fatigue syndrome: study protocol.

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Dear Dr. De Los Santos,

Thank you for the response to our submission. With respect to you remarks, we have the following response and have adjusted the manuscript accordingly. We hope you find it suitable for publication in the BMC neurology.

1. As CFS/ME according to the ICD-10 is seen as a disease of the nervous system and previous trial papers on CFS/ME have been published in BMC Neurology (White et al, 2007; Nijhof et al, 2011) we prefer publication in BMC Neurology of our trial paper.
2. With respect to the acknowledge section. The authors did not receive any funding for this work. We have added the language editor and our statistical advisor to the acknowledgment section.
3. With respect to ethics and fundings: we have ethical approval (see attachment), the study is funded by our own employer, i.e. has no external funder: the Radboud university medical centre. This implies that you will review the study.
4. The study is ongoing and data are collected.
5. No papers have been submitted or published in relation to the study.
6. The trial register number is: NTR4013

Changes to the manuscript:
   1. The trial registration number is added: NTR4013 (two places in the manuscript).
   2. The Medical Ethical Committee of the Radboud university medical center reference number (NL42543.091.12) will replace the prior mentioned reference 2013-003 (line 153).
   3. The flowchart figure size is reduced so it fits the A4 format and minor lay-out changed has been made.
   4. We added the acknowledgement section.
   5. The Christian name of the first author is substituted by his first name.

Thanks in advance,

Yours sincerely,

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