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Dear Professor McKeage,

We have revised our manuscript according to the reviewers’ request we have received; I hereby give you reply to the reviewers and description of the changes we have made:

Comment reviewer #1:
1. Include a study protocol in the title:

   Reply:
   We have added text on this issue

2. Include a brief description of the statistical analysis that will be undertaken for the primary outcome:

   Reply:
   We have added text on this issue. Line number 252 – 255.
   We have also deleted the text: ‘Analysis of the primary endpoint will be based on the ‘intention-to-treat’ population.’ Line number 238

We thank the reviewers for their valuable comments, and we hope that we have provided satisfactory answers, which allow our paper to be acceptable for publication in BMC.

With kind regards,

Joost Huiskens, Thomas van Gulik and Kees Punt, on behalf of all authors.