Author’s response to reviews

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1. Clarification of trial registration and current trial status.

I would like to clarify that trial registration date of 24th July 2013 was requested prospectively. The overall trial start date was 30th September 2013. The overall trial end date is 15th June 2016. The Database Coordinator ISRCTN registry has made amendments accordingly. (http://www.isrctn.com/ISRCTN80487202).

2. All email addresses of all co-authors have now been included in the title page of the main manuscript as requested.

3. SPIRIT guidelines are adhered to. The study is supported by the Swansea University Trials Unit. The corresponding author/PI has attended Good Clinical Practice Training (GCP) and attends updated sessions.

4. The protocol submission to BMC Psychiatry complies with the editorial policies.