Author's response to reviews

Title: Simplified scoring of the Actionable 8-item screening questionnaire for neurogenic bladder overactivity in multiple sclerosis: a comparative analysis of test performance at different cut-off points

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Dear editor,

We have handled the points raised in the email of 29 September 2015 as follows.

1. Remove additional files

   The additional files have been removed.

2. Include details of funding in the Competing Interest.

   The following text concerning the details of funding have been added to the section Competing Interest:

   ‘The study was financially supported by Allergan Pharmaceutical Ireland Inc. via an independent and unrestricted research grant. Allergan had the opportunity to review the final version of the manuscript to address any factual inaccuracies or request the redaction of information deemed to be proprietary or confidential and ensure that study support was disclosed.’

   Consequently, the following text has been removed from the section Acknowledgements:

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3. Clarify in the Methods if consent was written or oral.

   We have added ‘written’ to the section Methods, study design and setting (page 5 line 8). Now this passage reads as follows:
   ‘After having given their written consent patients received a personal code and logged on to the website, to choose a username and password.’

   Moreover, on the title page ‘University Groningen’ has been added to the first affiliation of the first author, and the ‘&’ has been changed into ‘and’.
   Now the affiliation is:
   ‘¹, University Groningen, University Medical Centre Groningen, Department of Community and Occupational Medicine, Antonius Deusinglaan 1, 9713 AV Groningen, The Netherlands’

Kind regards,

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