Author’s response to reviews

Title: Tight controlled dose-reduction of biologics in psoriasis patients with low disease activity: a randomized pragmatic non-inferiority trial

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Dear Sir, Madam,

The answers on the editor's comments can be found below. This has also been emailed to the BMC Editorial Office, together with the Original cover letter.

Kind regards,

on behalf of all authors,

Selma Atalay
Editor's comments:

As you may be aware, it is the policy of the journal not to peer review study protocols where ethical and external funding approval have been obtained, as these processes usually involve peer review and as there is little possibility to change a protocol after enrolment begins.

Therefore, could you please respond to the following points below and provide the requested responses in your cover letter.

1. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation Before we can proceed with your submission, can you please forward copies of all ethical approval and funding approval for our records. These documents should be sent as email attachments to the following email address, BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com. Please DO NOT upload these documents as additional files in the submission system. If your documents are not in English, please could you provide translated versions of the relevant parts. These should be endorsed and signed by a contactable person at the institution. Please also include the original documents. Can you please confirm in your cover letter that you have forwarded the requested documentation to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com.

Answer: I just send the required documents to BMC seriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com

2. Funding

A study is considered to be externally funded if the authors have been awarded a grant for the study by a major funding body (e.g. governmental funding/ award from a charitable foundation). If a study has not received external funding, then the study protocol will be sent for peer-review with a member of our Editorial Board. If a study has received funding/assistance from a commercial organization, this should be clearly stated in the 'competing interests' section of your manuscript, and the study protocol will be sent for peer-review by a member of our Editorial Board. Can you please confirm whether your study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body.

Answer: I can confirm that our protocol have had an extensive peer review.
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Answer: Including status.

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Can you please clarify whether any publications containing the results of this study have already been published or submitted to any journal. If so, can you please provide a list of the related articles.

Answer: No