Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effectiveness of diabetes self-management education via a smartphone application in insulin treated type 2 diabetes patients. Design of a randomised controlled trial (‘TRIGGER study’).

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Dear Dr. Mockridge,

Thank you for your message. We have edited the manuscript according to your last suggestions:

1) Abstract: please provide the registration date alongside the registration number. If retrospectively registered, this should also be stated.

We added the following to the Abstract, line 67, page 4: “registration date: 18 November 2015 (prospectively registered)”

2) TRIGGER: this is mentioned in the paper title but not in the rest of the paper. Please state the trial name (and full name if TRIGGER is an acronym) within the Abstract and Methods section

We added the following to the Abstract, line 45, page 3: “(‘TRIGGER study’)”. We added “TRIGGER” to the Methods section, line 167, page 8.

3) Methods: please provide the names of the hospitals at which the study will take place.

We added the following to the Methods section, line 189, page 9: “Participating hospitals are (in alphabetical order): Bethesda Diabetes Research Center, HagaZiekenhuis, Meander Medical Center, Röpcke-Zweers Ziekenhuis and Ziekenhuis Gelderse Vallei.”
4) Table 1 is not necessary and should be removed.

We have removed table 1 and deleted the following text from the Methods section, line 177, page 9: “Table 1 shows the trial registration data, according to the World Health Organization Trial Registration Data Set.”. Hence table 2 is now table 1, and table 3 is now table 2. We changed the references in the text accordingly.

5) Figure 2: please anonymise the make of phone and mobile phone company from the figure (i.e. black out the home button and ear piece and the information alongside Tele2 NL including the date and locator symbol)

We changed the figure as described.

Kind regards,

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