Author’s response to reviews

Title: The Low Indexes of Metabolism Intervention Trial (LIMIT): Design and baseline data of a randomized controlled clinical trial to evaluate how alerting primary care teams to low metabolic values, could affect the health of patients aged 75 or older

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1. Study status

* Hereby confirmed: The recruitment phase for our study has concluded (as well as the intervention phase. The assessment phase is still ahead).

2. Related Articles

* No publications containing the results of this study have already been published or submitted to any journal.

3. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation.

* Copies of the ethical approval and of the funding approval were sent to the designated email address.
4. Funding

* Clalit Health Services (CHS) is a not-for-profit provider of public services. Its semi-private health services are unrelated to and irrelevant for this study. CHS support this trial by merely permitting the use of general organizational services. Hence, we removed the notion of CHS funding this trial. Also, no specific funding approval is provided from CHS, only the medical institute approval to conduct the trial (Forms 7, 7A).

However, during the last four months we asked and received a research grant from a non-commercial organization: Bar-Ilan University - Dangoor Personalized Medicine Fund. The funding approval copy was sent to the designated email address.

* Manuscript was changed accordingly.

* Still, the authors declare no competing interests.

5. Data published within study protocol cannot be published elsewhere.

* Thanks for informing. Still, we prefer to publish the base line data within this publication.

6. SPIRIT guidelines

* The statement of adherence was added.

* Accordingly:

1. LIMIT World Health Organization Trial Registration Data Set was added to the supplementary files.

2. Date and version identifier - were put in the translated protocol (in the supplementary files)

3. SPIRIT Checklist was added as a supplementary file.

7. Declarations:

* Manuscript was revised accordingly, and now includes ethical approval details and statements on consent to participate, availability of data and materials, competing interests,
funding and authors’ contributions. Authors' information was moved to this section. Reading and approval of the final version of the manuscript by all authors is assured. Please note that acknowledgements were given.

8. The heading 'Background and Objectives':

* The heading was changed to 'Background' to comply with submission guidelines.