**Author's response to reviews**

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Dear Editor,

Hereby, we respond to your request to change some items in our submitted manuscript.

Ad 1. We have changed the title conform the journal style for study protocol articles.

Ad 2. We have added the date our study was registered with the Dutch trial register at the end of the Abstract.

Ad 3. We have included the name of our local ethical committee that approved our study to the Methods section.

Ad 4. We have incorporated the Conclusion into your Discussion.

Ad 5. We have added to the Acknowledgement section that we do not receive any funding for this study.

Ad 6. The figure legends are added as a separate section after the reference list.

We hope the manuscript is now suitable for consideration by the Editorial board.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,