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Dear Editor and Reviewer,

Thank you very much for your comments.

As exposed below in a point-by-point response, we have taken every comment made by the reviewer and editor into careful consideration and proceeded to the ensuing corrections when necessary. All requested changes appear in red in the revised manuscript.

Yours sincerely

Prof. Didier Dreyfuss, M.D.

Point-by-point response

Editorial requests:
1. Please ensure the title conforms to journal style for study protocol articles. The title should follow the format ?____________: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.?
The Title has been modified.

2. Please include the date of registration with the trial registration number at the end of the Abstract.
The date of registration has been included.

3. Please mention each author individually in your Authors’ Contributions section (please use initials to refer to each author's contribution).
Each author has been mentioned in contribution section.

4. Please state clearly whether or not you have funding in the Acknowledgements section. If there is no funding, please state this.
We have added this information: “The AKIKI trial is promoted by the Assistance Publique - Hôpitaux de Paris and funded by a grant of the French Ministry of Health (Programme Hospitalier de Recherche Clinique 2012; AOM12456).”

Reviewer requests:
We have reported, in the abstract, the planned interim analyses and the expected sample size.