Author’s response to reviews

Title: TREATMENT OF SLEEP DISTURBANCES IN TRAUMA-AFFECTED REFUGEES - STUDY PROTOCOL FOR A RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIAL

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Response to Reviewer

Dear Trials editorial team and reviewer

Thank you for the comments to our paper. Our responses to each comment are highlighted in the text below, and changes are made with track changes in the main manuscript attached.

Reviewer reports:

I commend the authors for all the work they have done to improve the manuscript. I only have a few comments that need to be addressed before the manuscript is ready for publication.

1) Please make clear in the abstract and title this study is about adding sleep interventions to TAU for PTSD symptoms so this is clear to the reader from the start.

Response: The abstract has been edited accordingly. We find the title will be too long if further information/word is added. We hope the editor will accept this.
2) In the methods section figure 1 (2*2 factorial design) should be figure 2. Please order Figures according to their appearance in the paper.

Response: Thank you for noticing this mistake. It has been corrected.

3) Sample size calculation is still not clear to me. From the authors response I understand that they aim for clinical relevant findings (despite the fact that previous studies only detected small effects). If so, please explain this in either the sample size calculation section or discussion as this is a limitation.

Response: this has been added to the paragraph on power calculation:

”The primary outcome is PSQI. In previous trials the Minimal Clinically Important Difference (MCID) on PSQI was considered 2.5 scale points. This trial aims to detect a clinically important difference between TAU and add-on treatment and not merely a statistically significant difference and hence MCID was set to 2.5 scale points on the PSQI and the within-groups standard deviation was set to 3 scale points (70)”

4) Please check the document for spelling and grammatical errors.

Response: the manuscript has been send to external editing for spelling and grammar.

Best regards