Author’s response to reviews

Title: Sports participation related to injuries and illnesses among ambulatory youth with chronic diseases: results of the Health in Adapted Youth Sports study

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We thank the editor for the comments made. Herewith you find our responses, point by point.

Editor Comments:
1. Remove clinical relevance statement
   Please remove the clinical relevance statement after the Abstract, this is not required by the journal.
   Response: We have removed the clinical relevance statement as suggested.

2. Boxes
   Unfortunately the BMC Series journals do not accept boxes for publication. Please remove the boxes in your manuscript and include the information in a different format, for example, a table or figure.
   Response: We thank the editor for these comments. We have removed the boxes within the manuscript. Firstly, we have rephrased the box at page 5, about the questions of sports participation accordingly;
   ‘Sports participation at baseline was identified using the following three standardized questions used by the Dutch Institute of Health and Environment (21): 1) do you participate in sports?; 2) what is/are the type of organized sport(s)?; and 3) what is the frequency of participation in organized sports per week?.’ See page 5, lines 21-25.
   Secondly, we have rephrased the box at page 7, about the injury or illness rate accordingly;
   ‘The injury and illness rate is calculated by the following formula:
   Injury or illness rate = (the number of injuries or illnesses during 12-months / the total hours exposure to PA during 12-months) x 1000.’ See page 7, lines 24-27.
3. Authors' contributions
Please include a statement in the Authors' contributions section to the effect that “all authors have read and approved the manuscript”, and ensure that this is the case.

Response: we have added the statement in the Authors’ contributions now, as suggested. See page 15, lines 21-25 and page 16, lines 1-2.

Authors’ contribution
KL, JdG, TT and FB have made contributions to the conception and design of the work. KL contributed to the acquisition and analysis of the data. KL, TT, JdG and FB contributed to the interpretation of the data. KL drafted the work. JdG, TT and FB revised it. All authors gave their consent of this manuscript to be published in Journal of Sports Science, Medicine & Rehabilitation. All authors have agreed to authorship and order of authorship for this manuscript. All authors have read and approved the manuscript.

4. Role of funder
Please state clearly the role the funder(s) had in your study in the "funding" section of the declarations.
Response: We have added that the role of funding was unconditional.
‘The source of funding: Dutch Organization of Health Research (ZONMW). Grant number: 525001005. The role of funding was unconditional.’ See page 15, lines 19-20.

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Response: We thank the editor for this comment.
We have rephrased the following headings:
Introduction into Background, see page 3, line 1.
We have added the study aim in the method section accordingly;
Study aim
Firstly, the aim of this study was to investigate the incidence, type, severity and risks of (sports-related) injuries and illnesses among ambulatory youth with CDPD over a 12-month period. Secondly, we investigated whether the more serious sports participants run a higher risk of being injured or ill compared to the less serious peers. See page 4, lines 4-8.

6. Tables
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Response: We have included the tables (1 to 5) and two flowcharts now in the main manuscript file at the end, as suggested.

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Response: we have removed the files as suggested.
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Response: We have uploaded a clean manuscript as suggested.

In addition, we have clarified the competing interest section of the manuscript.
We have rephrased the competing interest section accordingly;

Competing interest
The authors declare that they have no competing interests. See page 15, line 16-17.