Author’s response to reviews

Title: Response: Sharpe, Goldsmith and Chalder fail to restore confidence in the PACE trial findings

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In this version, we have responded to the last communication from our action editor, Tim Shipley, which made the following suggestions for revision:

Please update reference 5 to include the correct information for the correspondence article by Sharpe et al.

We have updated that reference.

Please amend the opening of your manuscript to make it more clear that this is a response to the correspondence article by Sharpe et al. This is already outlined in your abstract, but we would also like this in the manuscript text. A change to this line would be sufficient “Sharpe, Goldsmith and Chalder ([5], this issue) dismiss the concerns we raised in our paper and maintain that the conclusions of the PACE trial are robust”

We have added a line to the second paragraph as follows:

"In a recent commentary published in BMC Psychology, Sharpe, Goldsmith and Chalder dismiss the concerns we raised in our paper...(numbered reference appears here)"