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Dear Editor,

In response to the letter from Daniel Riddle, we draw attention to the guidance given in the Cochrane full guidance document on using the revised tool to assess risk of bias in randomized trials (RoB 2)\(^1\), which we followed: “Note that outcomes that are assessed using an interaction between a participant and a data collector (for example, when data collectors ask questions or help participants to complete a questionnaire) then if either the participant is blinded and the data collector is not, or the data collector is blinded and the participant is not, then the outcome assessors should be considered to be aware of intervention received unless convincing evidence is available to the contrary.”

Yours sincerely,

Elien Van der Gucht (on behalf of all authors).