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Dear Editor

Re Manuscript:1828130146418739. “Did the trial kill the intervention?” Experiences from the development, implementation and evaluation of a complex intervention.

Thank you for you and your reviewers’ comments on our revised copy of the above manuscript. We are delighted that you wish to publish this manuscript and have attended to the comments you provided.

Please find attached the fully revised manuscript for your consideration.

- The short title has been removed.
- The table has been moved to the end of the manuscript.
- All highlighting and tracking have been removed from the document.
- In response to the comments from reviewer 3 we have adjusted the two sentences referred to in comments 1.1 and 1.2 as suggested, so that they now refer to both recruitment and randomisation.

Under discretionary revisions the reviewer suggests that we could strengthen the acknowledgment of the benefits of following the MRC framework. We would prefer to leave the discussion and conclusion unchanged as we feel this best represents our views in relation to the framework.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information or clarification.

Yours faithfully,

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