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Dear Editor

We thank you for your positive feedback. Please find below the answer the reviewer’s comments

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a) Reviewer 1

The authors described that randomization to the active group was dependent on a trained clinician being present at the time the subject attended. Although not ideal this should not introduce a systematic bias. They do not discuss this in their discussion but perhaps should have.

We are not sure to understand the question of the reviewer. Indeed, no clinical staff (clinician or nurses) was involved in the randomization of the participants. Recruitment and randomization were performed by the administrative staff prior to the consultation. Health staff members (nurses and clinicians) were only involved in the study after that the randomization was performed and only had to perform the pre-travel consultation according to their group of intervention (or control). In order to make this procedure more clear, we added in the method that recruitment and randomization were performed by administrative staff (p 5 and 8).

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