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**Title:** The DARE study of relapse prevention in depression: design for a phase 1/2 translational randomised controlled trial involving mindfulness-based cognitive therapy and supported self monitoring

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Dear Deesha Majithia,

Re: MS: 4472407286359584
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Thank you very much for accepting the above-named paper for publication in BMC Psychiatry. The article processing charge has been paid by credit card today. As requested, the following formatting changes have been made to the manuscript:

1. The trial registry and registration number has been included in the abstract in both the submission system and the manuscript and both versions are identical. Note that the name of the trial registry has been corrected (removal of “and”).
2. The structure of the abstract has been corrected to include the headings: Background, Methods/Design, Discussion, Trial Registration.
3. The structure of the manuscript has been corrected to include the following headings: Abstract; Background; Methods/Design; Discussion; Abbreviations; Competing interests, Authors’ contributions; Authors information; Acknowledgements; References. Note: there are numerous subheadings also – the above headings are 14pt to ensure they are distinguishable from the subheadings, which are all 12pt and in sentence case, and a list of abbreviations has been added.
4. References are in numerical order and the link: http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~mb55/guide/minim.htm appears to be functioning but access to the site does seem to be unstable. The other links have also been checked.
5. The short title has been removed from the title page.
6. The sentence, “This work was undertaken at Southern Synergy, Monash University, Australia” has been moved to the Acknowledgements section and amended to: “This work is being undertaken at Southern Synergy, Monash University, Australia”.
7. The corresponding author has been moved from the footnote of the title page and placed in the title page.
8. “Declaration of competing interests” has been changed to “Competing interests”
9. The title has been removed from Figure 1 and placed on the last page, after the reference list.
10. Typography has been checked. In doing so the following additional changes have been made which are listed under the relevant headings/subheadings:
   a) Author information on the title page has been removed since this is repeated under “Authors’ information”.
   b) Author information has been corrected and updated.
   c) Abstract/ Background, 5th sentence: “and” has been added and the comma removed (under real-world conditions, and where…”
   d) Abstract/Methods/Design: second last sentence “will be are included”.
   e) Background, second para, first sentence: “randomised clinical” changed to “randomised controlled”.
   f) Background/Antidepressant medication, second sentence: “medication” added before “(m-ADM)”.
   g) Background/Health Economics, first sentence changed from: “Kuyken et al [14] compared MBCT with maintenance antidepressant medication (m-ADM)” to “Kuyken et al [14] examined the cost-effectiveness of MBCT compared to m-ADM” (m-ADM already defined).
   h) Methods/Design/The interventions/MBCT/Quality control, first sentence: camera visual field including focused on clinician only).
   i) Methods/Design /The interventions/Depression Relapse Active Monitoring, 2nd sentence: “their research assessments” changed to “the research assessments”; 3rd sentence: in brackets, “DARE” changed to “project” as DARE abbreviation not defined as yet.
   j) Methods/Design/Measures/Diagnosis and eligibility, first and third lines: “Composite International Diagnostic Instrument” changed to “Composite International Diagnostic Instrument Interview”.
   k) Methods/Design/Measures/Patient expectations, first line: “Expectancy/Credibility” changed to “Credibility/Expectance”.
   l) Methods/Design/Measures/Secondary outcomes and process measures, last line: “instrument” added to “Assessment of Quality of Life”.
   m) Methods/Design/Measures/Economic analysis, third sentence: “World Health Organisation” replaced with “WHO” as the abbreviation had been defined earlier.
   n) Methods/Design/Statistical analysis/Primary outcomes, first line: “Intention to treat (IT)” changed to “Intention-to-treat (ITT)”.
   o) Authors’ contributions, second sentence: FS managed is the project manager.
   p) References: reference 62 has been corrected.
   q) References: endnote field codes have been removed.

Yours faithfully,

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