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Dear Dr Alam

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Many thanks for your email indicating the acceptance of this manuscript. Please find detailed below our responses to the comments raised.

1. **Trial Registration number:**
   Please include the full trial registration number in the abstract - i.e. ACTRN012606000274572.

   This has now been integrated into the abstract.

2. **Methods section in Abstract:**
   Please revise this section to include more details about the methods for this study.

   More information has been included here; this now reads: “The study is a 3-year randomised controlled trial conducted at Orygen Youth Health Research Centre in Melbourne Australia. Participants are young help-seekers aged 15-24 who are at risk of suicide. Participants will be recruited over a 12 month period. The intervention comprises a regular postcard to be sent monthly for 12 months. The postcard enquires after their well being and includes information regarding..."
individual sources of help and evidence-based self help strategies. Participants are assessed at baseline, 12 and 18 months. The study was registered with the Australian Clinical Trials Registry; number: CTRN012606000274572”.

3. Competing Interests:
Please include a ‘Competing interests’ section between the Conclusions and Authors’ contributions. If there are none to declare, please write 'The authors declare that they have no competing interests'.

This section has now been added. The authors have no competing interests to declare.

4. Additional files:
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These have been removed.

I hope that this is satisfactory but should you have any further comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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