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Please find attached a revision of our manuscript: “Motivational Interviewing for encouraging quit among smokers not motivated to quit: A study protocol of a randomized, controlled trial of efficacy” and responses to your email below.

The letter serves to confirm, as indicated in the acknowledgements section of the manuscript, that the study is externally supported by the U.S. National Institutes of Health. In addition, I confirm as indicated on pg. 8 of the manuscript that the study has ethical approval from the Institutional Review Board of the University of Missouri – Kansas City. The requested documentation is attached.

Two changes have been made to the manuscript:

1) In response to the feedback regarding reporting funding/assistance from a commercial organization in the ‘competing interests’ section of the manuscript the relevant text has been moved from the ‘acknowledgements’ section to the ‘competing interests’ section.

2) Due to an oversight the previous acknowledgement section included a thank you to participants for participating. This has been deleted and will be incorporated into the report of results of the study.

No manuscripts are under submission with other journals based on this study protocol.

As noted at the end of the abstract this trial is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov (#NCT01188018) that meets ICMJE guidelines.