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The files are resubmitted with the requested changes. The following changes are made:

1. A trial registration number is included at the end of the abstract. This trial number is also included in the submission system. Additional trial details (e.g. ethics and funding) are available on http://www.controlled-trials.com/ISRCTN89447795.

2. A grant reference is included at the end of the manuscript. A formal letter of the sponsor, the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw), has been sent to BMC Public Health by email (to Victorino.Silvestre@biomedcentral.com). This letter includes proof of the amount of external funding.

3. A formal letter of the Medical Ethics Committee of the University Medical Center Utrecht (UMCU) has been sent to BMC Public Health by email (to Victorino.Silvestre@biomedcentral.com). This letter includes proof of this committee that our study does not fall under the Medical Research Involving Human Subjects Act. The Medical Ethics Committee of the University Medical Center Utrecht (UMCU) judged that there are no objections to conduct our study protocol.

4. Some small language changes (British English instead of American English) are made in the revised version of the manuscript.