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Title: Queer Quit: A pilot study of a smoking cessation programme tailored to gay men

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Dear Editor

We have made the following amendments to our manuscript:

1.) Ethics statement: A statement regarding ethical review or the study design is now included in the methods section. Swiss law does not require formal ethical approval for this kind of study. An internet link to the website of the relevant ethical committee is also provided. Furthermore, we state in the Methods section that the study was performed in line with the 2004 Declaration of Helsinki (which was in force at the time of study design).

2.) Consent statement: In the same chapter as the ethics statement, we now clarify that informed consent was given by the study participants prior to their programme attendance.

3.) Trial registration number: The design of this trial was publicly available on the website of the funding body, the Swiss Tobacco Prevention Funds. Our trial was not entered into a trial registry as entry into this kind of database was not (yet) explicitly required in the 2004 Helsinki Declaration and as this was not an RCT.

We hope that the manuscript is now ready to enter peer review. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Maria Dickson-Spillmann