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We had previously formatted our Abstract according to the CONSORT guidelines, but the abstract was over 350 words long. This was based on the instructions to authors which states that, "We recommend manuscripts that report randomized control trials follow CONSORT extensions for abstracts. At the request of the editors we have rewritten the abstract to be just under 350 words under the headings Background, Methods/Design and Discussion."