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Title: Efficacy of a text messaging (SMS) based intervention for adults with hypertension: protocol for the StAR (SMS Text-message Adherence suppoRt trial) randomised controlled trial

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Dear Jane,

Thank you very much for considering our trial protocol for publication in the BMC Public Health. We have addressed your request for additional documents and information below.

1. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation

As requested we have forwarded copies of all ethical approvals and funding approvals for this study to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com

2. Funding

This study is externally funded through a peer-review competitive Wellcome Trust/EPSRC grant as such the initial study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body.

3. Study status

We can confirm that the study is ongoing (recruitment closed, follow-up continuing).

4. Related Articles

We have not published nor submitted for publication any manuscripts containing the results of this study.

a.) Trial Registration Number

Thank you very much for your comment. The trial is registered with the South African National Trials Registry, trial registration number is SANCTR DOH-27-1212-386. We have also registered the trial with the Pan African Clinical
Trials Register (PACTR) which is a recognised WHO primary register; I am in the process of confirming our number. I will update our manuscript as suggested once I have it.

b.) Kindly format your Authors’ Contribution section.
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