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I was not happy to find out that this study was identical to the one already published, without mentioning it.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

In my opinion the authors should elaborate the improvements made and the lessons learnt from the previous study in the discussion. For example, at page 14 it is stated that it was difficult to include enough participants and that is why the population is quite heterogenous. This is something that they knew from their previous study.

Thank you for your valuable comments as an important feedback in the process of improving this article. However, we think that the comment from one of the reviewers (Johs H Veerbek) is partly based on a misunderstanding. The current study is not identical to the previously published study. We can see that the difference between our previous study and the present were poorly explained. The present study addressed another question than the one already published. The first study assessed the feasibility and effectiveness of informing about and offering this intervention to sick listed employees. The present assessed the efficacy of participating in a solution-focused intervention for sick listed employees reporting a need for this approach.

This has now been explained under introduction page five, second paragraph