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Dear Editor

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Thank you for the opportunity to revise our article.

Clarification the following was requested:

(1) Provide, within your manuscript, a power calculation used to determine the sample size of your study.

The DEAL study is in the exploratory stages of complex interventions. A sample size calculation is therefore not appropriate for this manuscript, however we have clarified this point in the paper by adding the following sentences to the first paragraph of the 'sample' section (starting p.10):

“As the DEAL study is at the development and feasibility stages of complex interventions (Figure 1), the sample size was chosen pragmatically so that the ethnic groups of interest (and their concomitant places of worship) were represented. The data generated from this phase will contribute to sample size power calculations for a subsequent pilot randomized controlled trial”.

We look forward to hearing from you with regards to the progress of our paper.

Yours sincerely

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