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Dear Editor-in-Chief

We are grateful for your decision to accept our study protocol manuscript for publication.

Only two minor changes are made in the manuscript:

- Table 2: An asterisk (*) is now included after the column subheading “Exercise illustration” and the following footnote is added:
  “*The person on the images has consented for the images to be published.”

- As suggested by one of the reviewers, the usual care intervention is described in Figure 1. The following text is added:
  “(i.e. general practitioner visits) The control group receives no particular attention, referral or treatment from the project group”

Sincerely,
on behalf of all co-authors,
Nina Østerås