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Title: Comparison of a one-time educational intervention to a teach-to-goal educational intervention for self-management of heart failure: design of a randomized controlled trial

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Attached is the revised manuscript for the study protocol paper MS # 1938636969274226.

The following revisions were made:

1. All field codes regarding footnotes were omitted from the paper.
2. The authors names were changed so they correspond exactly with the submission system
3. The affiliations list was formatted to include department, institution, city and country. Some affiliations have more than one department as some authors work in more than one department and draw from each department when contributing to the study.
4. References 12 and 20 have been corrected.
5. All table shading was removed.
6. The figure titles were removed from the figure files. A legend of all figures and their titles was added after the reference section.

The following minor revisions were also addressed.

7. All underlining was removed or changed to bold.
8. The words 'Study Protocol' was removed from the title page.
9. The qualifications were removed from the authors names in the manuscript.
10. The word '/Design' was added after the word 'Method' in both the abstract and the Methods section.
11. The table and figure placement text was removed in the manuscript.
12. All figures were checked for cropping as close to the figure as possible.

I did not adjust the vertical lines in the tables as I was not sure what was meant by this. It seemed that removing vertical lines would degrade the integrity of the table and make it a bit confusing.

Please feel free to contact me with any other revisions that are needed.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Broucksou