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Dear Dr. D’Souza,

Re: MS: 8294137759031505 - Is a combination of varenicline and nicotine patch more effective in helping smokers quit than varenicline alone? A randomised controlled trial

We have made the following editorial amendments for your consideration:

- An abbreviation section has now been included (page 16).
- The procedure for informed consent has been included in the methods section (page 7).
- The contributions section has now had the title revised to Author Contributions (page 16) and now includes the statement; all authors read and approved the final manuscript.
- The CONSORT checklist has been checked and changes in the manuscript have been highlighted. The CONSORT checklist has been included.

Thank you for considering the revised manuscript.

Yours sincerely

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