Author’s response to reviews

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The Editor-in-Chief
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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We have uploaded a revised copy of our manuscript titled “Rationale and design: telephone-delivered behavioral skills interventions for blacks with type 2 diabetes.” We have incorporated our plan to publish manuals and intervention materials at the completion of the study. The changes are highlighted in yellow in the revised manuscript. This manuscript represents original work we would like considered for publication in Trials as a study protocol. We look forward to the acceptance of our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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Detailed Response to Reviewer Comments

The authors indicate copyright issues, etc – “We will not be able to provide the intervention content materials because of copyright limitations and potential patent issues. We are planning to publish all intervention materials at the completion of the study and make them available to the larger body of researchers. We believe this is appropriate and consistent with guidelines from the United States National Institute of Health, the funding agency for the study” as to why the interventions cannot be shared presently. Can they indicate this and their plans about publishing the materials in the paper?

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