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Thank you very much for the opportunity to make formatting changes to our article.

This article is the fourth in a series of seven papers on the ethics of cluster randomized trials in health research. As with the previous articles in the series in Trials, we request that this article not be required to use a structured abstract or the standard sections for the body of the text. The article represents conceptual research rather than empirical research, and these categories do not apply well to conceptual research.

Reference 24 and 37 have been added to the text. Thank you for catching this.

Your sincerely,
Charles Weijer.