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Dear Editor

On behalf of the authors I am delighted that our paper has been accepted for publication in Trials. I have amended the references as requested and submitted the final proof-read version. A few final changes have been made and are listed below:

Page 1 – affiliations for Jaakko Tuomilehto
Page 3 – Abstract, 2nd line of methods - 1300 changed to 1319 and word counts removed after abstract
Page 5 – multi pronged replaced with multi-pronged
Page 14 – in 1d, ‘general’ added before practice lists
Page 17 – 3rd paragraph 2nd line – ‘and’ inserted between ‘research team’ and ‘health service staff’
Page 19 – second paragraph – reference 42 corrected as it is now published and first author is Stirland (not Sheikh)
Page 26 – title amended for Table 1 (.... for PODOSA replaces .... of PODOSA)

No changes made to Figure 1, but I have resubmitted it as well.

I have reformatted the references to list all authors. I hope the paper is correct now.

Yours sincerely

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