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Dear Editorial Team,

Please accept the following revisions to the manuscript:

Abstract: the abstract now consists of the following sections: Background, Methods/Design. All abbreviations and references have been removed and it is under 350 words. Trial Registration has been listed in the format requested, e.g. Trial registration: Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN73824458.

Tables: table 1 has been cited in the text

References: reference 31 has been removed ensuring references are still cited in consecutive order. A functioning link to the website in reference 1 has been provided.

Sections: We have included a Discussion section after the Methods section and a Trial Status section after the Discussion section.

Many thanks

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