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Dear Editors-in-Chief,

We are delighted that the Associate Editor recommends that our manuscript be accepted for publication in Trials. In response to the query raised by the reviewers, please see below a point-by-point description of the amendments made to the submitted manuscript:

1. We have reviewed the format and ensured that all sections have been included where relevant and are in the correct order as proposed on the Trials website, 'Instructions for Authors'. We have moved ‘Trial Design’ to come before ‘Trial Objectives’ within the ‘Methods/Design’ section.

2. We have added a section at the end of the manuscript ‘Trial Status’ as suggested in the ‘Instructions for Authors’.

3. We have submitted as additional files three separate files alluded to in the main text: (1) Figure 1: CONSORT diagram of progression through CAAT-PARK, (2) Figure 2: Study Design - assessment time points, (3) Figure 3: CAAT-PARK model.

4. We have submitted as an additional file the favourable opinion letter as evidence for NHS research ethics approval.

5. As the research is not externally supported there is no funding document to submit as queried by the reviewers.

We look forward to hearing from the Editors-in-Chief shortly regarding our submission.

Yours sincerely,

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