Author's response to reviews

Title: Process evaluation protocol for the OPERA trial: a randomised trial of an exercise intervention for older people in residential and nursing accommodation. [ISRCTN No: 43769277]

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Dear David Moher:

I am enclosing our resubmission to BMC Trials entitled “Process evaluation protocol for the OPERA trial: a randomised trial of an exercise intervention for older people in residential and nursing accommodation. [ISRCTN No: 43769277]”. The manuscript is 16 pages long and includes 4 tables.

We, the authors of this manuscript, would like to thank the reviewers for their comments and we have now adjusted the manuscript accordingly. Briefly we have:

- Added a short paragraph in the introduction about the descriptive and demographic characteristics of care homes (beginning of paragraph 3, page 3);
- We have relabeled/reformatted the aims, objectives and methods as suggested (page 5 & 6).

We request that our submission be considered for publication in your journal. The manuscript has not been previously published and has not been submitted elsewhere. If this article is accepted can it please be considered for publication alongside its sister article which has recently been accepted (the main OPERA protocol: Protocol for the OPERA trial: a randomised trial of an exercise intervention for older people in residential and nursing accommodation. Trials MS: 2042446083388529).

I will be serving as the corresponding author for this manuscript. All of the authors listed in the by-line have agreed to the by-line order and to submission of the manuscript in this form. I am assuming responsibility for keeping the co-authors informed of progress through the editorial review process, the content of the reviews, and any revisions made.

Thank you in anticipation

Sincerely,

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