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Dear Barry

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Reviewer comments:
We are pleased that the reviewer considers that we have answered all comments in a satisfactory manner. We have corrected the mis-match between the abstract which stated that "We aimed to randomise 50 practices and recruit 2,000 patients" and the sample size calculation section of the main manuscript where we state that the estimated sample size for recruitment is 2,555 patients. The number in the Abstract now matches (2,555 in red).

Editor’s comments:
1) The title has been corrected (see above in red) to conform to journal style for study protocol articles.
2) The study protocol is formatted as outlined in your instructions for authors. All sections listed are included and ordered correctly. ‘Key words’, ‘Trial status’ and ‘List of abbreviations’ sections have been added. Figure title has been removed from the main body of the manuscript.

We look forward to your response.

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