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Dear Editors

Please find the revised manuscript entitled “Oral flucloxacillin and phenoxymethylpenicillin versus flucloxacillin alone for the Emergency Department outpatient treatment of cellulitis: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial” attached. We thank you for your critical review of our work and apologise for the 2-week late submission of our responses.

Responses:

• The title has been changed to the accepted format
• The tables have been removed to the end of the article
• The word “treated” has been removed in the abstract as suggested by the reviewer (page 2)
• We have clarified the role of the pharmacist in the study (page 8)
• We have clarified the intended per protocol and ITT analyses in an extra paragraph and reference in the body of the text (“data analysis”; page 12) and
reference no.24 (page 19).
All changes are highlighted in yellow.
Many thanks for accepting our work for review.
Yours sincerely
Dr. Michael Quirke and Dr. Abel Wakai (corresponding author)