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To
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RE: TRIALS / Revised MS: 3183853131030601 / Study protocol now entitled:

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Dear Editors:

Thank you very much for reviewing our above-referenced study protocol. We appreciated the Reviewers’ comments to improve our manuscript and have enclosed a point-by-point response to each of their criticisms (including the discretionary ones). We highlighted all the changes that we made to the manuscript in red colour.

All authors meet author criteria and have reviewed and given final approval for the version submitted. The manuscript has not been submitted or is not simultaneously being submitted elsewhere and no portion of the data has been or will be published in proceedings or transactions of meetings or symposium volumes. As already mentioned at the time when we submitted the first version of our manuscript, there is one potentially competing interest to be mentioned which is the fact that our co-author Dr. Herbert receives royalties for the self-help guide whose content served as the basis for our verum intervention tailored to reduce the probability of developing posttraumatic stress after myocardial infarction.

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Sincerely yours,

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