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Dear Editor

Thank you for your email advice on 10th September 2013 that as editor of the journal Trials you happy to accept our manuscript for publication once the following formatting requests have been completed. We accept these requests and the manuscript has been revised accordingly:

Editorial Requests

1. Please include a trial status section. This should state the status of the trial at the time of manuscript submission. The journal considers study protocol articles for proposed or ongoing trials provided they have not completed patient recruitment at the time of submission.

Response: The following section has been added on page 5:

   Trial Status
   At the date of manuscript submission participant recruitment had commenced but had not been completed.

2. Please include a competing interests section at the end of the manuscript, before the reference list. If the authors have no competing interests, please state: "The authors declare that they have no competing interests."

Response: The following section has been added on page 8 prior to Reference section:

   Competing interests
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3. Please include an Authors Contributions section at the end of the manuscript, before the reference list. Each author needs to be listed individually.

Response: The acknowledgements section on page 8 has been amended and a separate Authors Contributions section has been added on page 8 before the reference list as follows.

   Authors Contribution
   Each author made a substantial contribution to the study protocol and/or drafting of the manuscript:
   AR was responsible for trial implementation and drafted the manuscript
   MM conceived, contributed to the design of, and secured funding for the trial
   AL was responsible for coordination of the trial and allocation sequencing
   A-LB designed the education intervention
   JC participated in the design of trial and was responsible for the statistical analysis
   DS participated in data collection
   AB participated in the design of trial, and provided seed funding and in-kind support
   All authors read and approved the final manuscript

We now look forward to final acknowledgement of manuscript acceptance.

Yours sincerely

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