Author's response to reviews

Title: A randomised controlled trial of a community-based group-guided self-help intervention for low mood and stress: Study protocol.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for accepting the following manuscript for publication in Trials.


We found the final reviewers’ comments very helpful and have responded to each point in turn and amended the manuscript accordingly.

1. **GAD-7 is mentioned as a primary outcome measure on p. 13, but not in the analysis section.**

Thank you, this has been amended.

2. **I assume there should be citations for the original papers associated with each measure in the measures section.**

These have now been added for each measure.

3. **I’d like to see some evidence regarding the psychometric properties of the measures chosen in the measures section in addition to descriptions of the measures.**

Thank you for this suggestion. Information regarding the psychometric properties of each measure have been included in the methods section.

4. **It’s not clear why the ‘Zigmond and Snaith’ reference is written in full in the methods section, when other citations are numeric.**

Thank you for highlighting this error, the numeric reference has now replaced ‘Zigmond and Snaith’.

I do hope that these amendments are acceptable. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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