Author's response to reviews

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Reviewer's report:
There are no substantive or compulsory revisions necessary in the manuscript. The minor revisions are that the authors need to revise the manuscript so that it adheres to the journal's guidelines for format:

Title page
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We have made some changes and the ethical considerations are moved, and List of abbreviations added.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being Published. We have made some linguistic correction in the text which is highlighted.

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I have no competing interests whatsoever.
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1) Please ensure the title conforms to journal style for study protocol articles. The title should follow the format “_________: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.”
   AD 1) The change in title has been made in the revised manuscript.

2) Please move the ethics and consent statements to the methods section.
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All changes are highlighted in the revised manuscript.