Author's response to reviews

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Dear Profs Altman, Furberg and Grimshaw

Re: Comparing exercise interventions to increase persistence with physical exercise and sporting activity among people with hypertension or high normal blood pressure: protocol for a cluster randomised trial.

Thank you for your email regarding the above paper. As requested we have uploaded a revised version of the above manuscript and have used ‘track changes’. We have addressed your comments as follows:

1) We have inserted the word ‘study’ to conform with the example you give.

2) The trial registration information is now at the end of the abstract.

3) Reference to obtaining informed consent is at the bottom of page 12.

4) Trial status has been moved to below the discussion.

5) References to prehypertension have been replaced with ‘high normal blood pressure’ as requested by the reviewer. Similarly we have removed the phrase ‘suspected hypertension’.

We hope that these amendments and comments are helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

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