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Dear Dr Wizner,

Re: Manuscript 1060350431269237 Occupational Therapy in HomEcare Re-ablement Services (OTHERS): Protocol for a Randomised Controlled Trial Phillip J Whitehead, Avril ER Drummond, Marion F Walker, Ruth H Parry, Ian McGeorge and Zaid Latif

Thank-you for your email regarding the above manuscript.

In response to the reviewer’s comments I have made the following changes which have been discussed fully with my co-authors.

1. The term ‘outcome’ has been clarified in several sections of the manuscript in order to distinguish between the main aim of the study (i.e. feasibility) and the participant outcomes.
2. The term ‘homecare’ has been clarified in the introductory section.
3. The equipment and minor adaptations provided to those in the intervention group will be issued via the community equipment service in the local area. A sentence to this effect has been added within the description of the intervention.

In response to the suggestion that the proposed analyses were not outlined in the manuscript, we believe that page 14, paragraph 1, lines 5 to 11 provide details as to how the data will be analysed and presented. As this is a feasibility study we are not planning to conduct a more detailed analysis than that which is described.

Thank-you again for your consideration of the manuscript. Should you require any further clarification of the points above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Phillip Whitehead