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Dear Professor Foy,

Thank you for provisionally accepting our study protocol for publication. We have addressed your requested revisions as follows:

- The title has been amended so that ‘study protocol’ is at the end.
- The numbering from the headings has been removed
- The abstract and main text have been re-structured
- A section on patient recruitment has been added as per Consort statement
- The font and font size have been amended to match the journal’s style for provisional PDFs
- All changes in the main text are highlighted using the ‘track changes’ function
- The text has been adjusted left as recommended
- The journal’s guidance on tables and figures has been accounted for
- The table based on the CONSORT statement for cluster randomised trials has been completed showing the section headings and page numbers where each element is addressed in the manuscript

We hope that these changes address your concerns appropriately and comprehensively and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

Tobias Dreischulte on behalf of all authors