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Dear Dr. Edwards,

Thank you for your valuable comments for revising our manuscript. We hope the corrections will meet with your approval. The response to your comments are at the following:

Editor Comments:

1. CONSORT

   -- Please include a statement within your Methods section to indicate that your study adheres to CONSORT guidelines.

   Response: Thanks for your comment. We have included the statement within the Methods section (Methods section, line 79, page 4).

2. Trial registration

   -- Please also include the date of trial registration in the Abstract section. If it was not registered prospectively (before enrollment of the first participant), you should include the words 'retrospectively registered'.
Response: Thanks for your careful reviewing our manuscript. The date of trial registration was included in the Abstract section (Abstract section, line 44, page 2) and the trial was registered prospectively.

3. Funding
-- In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

  Response: Thanks for your comment. The funding agents play no role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript. We described it in the Funding section (line 260-262, page 12).

4. Clean manuscript
-- Please put your responses to the reviewers'/editors’ comments in the Response to Reviewers box in Editorial Manager. Please do not upload a separate letter. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files. Please ensure that all figures, tables and additional-supplementary files are cited within the text.

  Response: We are very grateful for your work! We checked all the documents and hope that will meet with your approval.

We appreciate your warm work earnestly. Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions!

Yours sincerely,

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