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1a. NIH funding approval documentation and IRB approval documentation will be emailed to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com and confirmed this was done so in the Cover Letter.

1b. Our study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body, National Institutes of Health.

1c. The study status is currently ongoing.

1d. The results of this study have not been published or submitted to any journal.

2. A completed SPIRIT checklists will be submitted as an additional file with our revised manuscript.

3. The title has been edited to indicate it is a study protocol of a randomized control trial.

4. This clinical trial has been registered with ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT03133793. The date of registration was April 28, 2017. The ICMJE accepts publicly accessible registration in any
registry that is a primary register of the WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP) (www.who.int/ictrp/network/primary/en/index.html) or in ClinicalTrials.gov, which is a data provider to the WHO ICTRP.

5. Further details were included regarding the power calculation used to determine sample size.

6. The title page and abstract files are now included in the main word.

7. A clean version of the manuscript will be submitted that does not contain track changes or highlighting.

Technical Comments:

1. A title page is included at the front of the manuscript and contains the names, institutions, countries and email addresses of all authors, and the full postal address of the submitting author.

2. The abstract is formatted according to the guidelines for authors.

3. A list of abbreviations and their meanings were placed in between the Conclusions and Declarations sections under the Abbreviations sub-heading.

4. Please provide figure titles/legends under a separate heading of 'Figure Legends' after the References. If Figure titles/legends are within the main text of the manuscript, please move them.