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Thank you for the feedback on the re-submitted article and for the comments. The minor revisions have been addressed. We have provided a description of the revisions made below as well as uploading a track change version of the original document.

Yours sincerely,

Prof Susan M Smith
On behalf of co-authors

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**Editor’s Comment**

- Formal informed consent statement

Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

*Author’s Response*

See additional sentence – “Written consent was obtained from all participants who took part in the trial.”

**Editor’s Comment**

- Format abstract sections

the abstract of the manuscript should not exceed 350* words and must be structured into separate sections:

- Abstract sections
• Background
• Methods
• Results
• Conclusions

Author's Response

The abstract is within the word count and the sections have been labelled as indicated above.

Editor's Comment

-Please minimize the use of abbreviations and do not cite references in the abstract. Please check the instructions for authors on the journal website for detailed information. Please see also our guide for writing an easily accessible abstract

Author's Response

The use of abbreviations has been minimised in the abstract. MD and CI have been written in the full format in text.

Editor's Comment:

Add the trial registration date to the trial registration number at the end of the abstract.

Author’s Response

The trial registration number is included at the end of the abstract.