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Title: Do virtual renal clinics improve access to kidney care? A preliminary impact evaluation of a virtual clinic in east London

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Dear Jing Zhang

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Do virtual renal clinics improve access to kidney care? an impact evaluation of a virtual clinic in east London.

Thank you for raising the following points about this manuscript.

We have responded to all of these, and hope that you are now able to accept this manuscript for publication.

Our responses to comments are as follows:

Editor Comments:

1. Authors’ contributions
Please also ensure that all authors have read and approve of the final version and add a statement confirming this in this section.

All authors have read the final version. I have added this to the authors contribution statement.

2. Conference abstract

We notice that the abstract of this manuscript has been published before:

This is correct, a similar abstract was presented at the Society for Academic Primary Care conference in July 2019. Following your suggestion I have extensively rephrased the abstract of this report in order to minimise any overlap.

3. Textual overlap

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

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This overlap mainly exists in the Background (P3), Methods (P5), Discussion (P12-13).

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Thank you for pointing this out.

All the sections you mention have now been re-phrased to minimise any overlap in the text.
4. Additional file list

Please add a section “Additional files” after the References where you list the following information about your supplementary material ‘Appendices.docx’:

I have added the section ‘Additional files’ after the References as requested, and made sure that both additional files are referred to by number in the main text.

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on behalf of the authors