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Dear Editor,

Here are point-by-point response answers to the questions raised by the editor on the letter dated 29 Jan 2019. The suggested revisions have been adopted in the manuscript.

1. The sample size was calculated as 960 when the trial registration was done. There was subsequent amendment to the sample size to 512. I have informed the trial registry to revise this amendment.
2. The sentence “The funding body did not have any role in the study design, data analysis, manuscript preparation and submission.” has been added to the funding session.
3. The sentence “All authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript.” has been added to the session “Authors’ contributions”.
4. Figure legends has been added after the session "Reference", with information on figure number and short title of figure in sentence case.
5. A statement “This study protocol follows the SPIRIT checklist.” has been added to the first paragraph of the method session.
6. A final form of manuscript for publication has been uploaded without any tracked changes, coloured text, or highlighting.

Best regards,

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