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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your valuable comments on our manuscript titled "WhatsApp embedded in routine service delivery for smoking cessation: Effects on abstinence rates in a randomized controlled study" (PUBH-D-18-03680R1). We have completed the essential revisions.

Our corrections are as follows:

1. Keywords are included at the end of Abstract.
2. Abbreviations are listed and placed just before the Declarations section. All abbreviations are defined in the text at first use.

3 and 4. The statement on ethics approval and consent to participate at Ethics approval and consent to participate – of the Declarations section has been added. Information on written informed consent has also been defined.

5. We included the ‘Consent for publication’ section in Declarations. “Not applicable” was added.

6. We have included Acknowledgements section. “Not applicable” was added.

7. Figure legends have been provided under the separate heading, 'Figure Legends,' placed after the References. Figure files now contain only the image, as well as any associated keys/annotations.

8. "Additional files" section has been added after the References/Figure legends. Information on File name, Title of data and Description of data has been added. We ensured that all additional files are cited in the main manuscript.

9. We would like to publish CONSORT checklist.

10. A single, final, clean version our manuscript has been uploaded.