Reviewer's report

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The authors have addressed in the manuscript all the comments raised in my previous review with the exception of one point - the nature of the control intervention. I would like the authors to include as a limitation of the study a statement to the effect that comparing MI to an intervention of known lack of effect may serve to exaggerate the impact of MI.

On a different point, given the error in the original submission concerning retention rates, it may be worth the authors pointing out that the MI intervention led to a large increase in retention - this may be a benefit of the approach.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests.