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Paul Wilson
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Dear Dr. Wilson,

Thank you for your very timely review of our manuscript and for your helpful feedback. I have uploaded a revised version in which new text is in red font, and to which line numbers have been added. On the page following this letter, I have listed your change suggestions and have detailed how they have been implemented.

Thank you very much for considering this revision.

Sincerely,

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1. The description of the proposed evaluation is particularly brief. Given the number of tools being employed, methods of data integration and analysis should be more clearly reported.

_We have included more information about data analysis and integration in lines 249-259. We have added 2 additional references in this section (39 and 40) which has subsequently changed the referencing for the remainder of the list._

2. You cite the literature review and focus group work mentioned in the needs assessment phase. If these have yet to be published, please provide the reader with a brief summary of the findings and their relative contribution to this phase.

_Both the focus group paper and the scoping review papers are still under preparation. We have included additional details about both projects in lines 137 to 152, and also have included additional funding information in lines 297-298._

3. Please elaborate on how you will use theory to select methods in phase three.

_We have included details about how we select methods that are based on theory in lines 171 to 185._

4. Finally, as this appears to be a study focused on intervention development, we would like you to expand upon your plans for future evaluation of the effectiveness of the intervention.

_We have added lines 261-264 to expand on this._