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A revised manuscript entitled “Enhancing evidence-based diabetes and chronic disease control among local health departments: a multi-phase dissemination study with a stepped-wedge cluster randomized trial component” for publication in Implementation Science is attached. Below is a detailed response to the editorial office comments:

Comment: At nearly 6500 words the manuscript is longer than our word count limit of 5500 words. The manuscript needs to be within our word count limit. We routinely encourage authors to use additional online files in order to bring the word count of the main text down.

Response: We have edited the manuscript down to 5500 words, and created two additional online files, which are referenced in the manuscript and attached in the editorial manager.
Comment: Additionally, we expect you to report Phase Two of the study according to the published CONSORT recommendations for cluster trials. As such, please complete (as far as you can as it's a protocol) the appropriate CONSORT checklist for cluster RCTs (see: http://www.consort-statement.org/).

Response: We have completed the appropriate CONSORT checklist for cluster RCTs, and attached the checklist in the editorial manager.