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**Title:** Keep Cool: Effectiveness of a web-based education program to improve vaccine storage conditions in primary care: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Dear Mrs. Lippman,

Regarding the manuscript “Keep Cool: Effectiveness of a web-based education program to improve vaccine storage conditions in primary care: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial” (MS: 5426597601626710 Study protocol) we are grateful for your interest and have made all changes requested:

1. Please ensure that the Abstracts within the manuscript and submission system are identical. At present, the trial registration information is missing from the submissions system Abstract.

   Answer: The abstract in the manuscript and in the submission system are now identical.

2. Please clearly confirm in the Methods section that you had all necessary consent from any patients involved in the study, including consent to participate in the study where appropriate. If no consent was needed please clearly state this in the Methods section.

   Answer: We included a statement:
   “All participating physicians and practice personnel will sign an informed consent form.”

3. Please include an Acknowledgements section before the reference list. All information relating to funding should be included within this section.

   Answer: We deleted the funding section and included an acknowledgements section that now includes all funding information:

   “Acknowledgements

Funding for the thermometers used in the study was received from the Stiftung Universitätsmedizin Essen. Funding for the educational software and its adjustments was granted from the Kulturstiftung Essen, Essen, Germany. The sources of funding do not influence the study design, analyses, interpretation of..."
results or the decision on publication.”

4. Please move the Figure Legend so that it appears below the reference list. Additionally, the legends of figures should only appear in this separate list, not as part of the figure files themselves.

Answer: The figure legend was moved accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if any further changes are necessary.

Sincerely yours,

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