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Dear Dr. Thabane and Reviewers,

Thank you for your careful consideration of our manuscript. We greatly appreciate all of your time and help. We believe that your suggestions have significantly improved our manuscript. Below, we provide a short response to each comment with the location of the revisions in the manuscript.

1) "The title needs to reflect that this is a protocol for a pilot trial."

The title was revised on page 1 (the Title page) of the manuscript.

2) "Please provide a clear justification for the sample size. This needs to be based on the primary feasibility objective(s) as recommended in the CONSORT extension to pilot trials (Pilot and Feasibility Studies 2016;2:64)."
We provided a clear justification for the sample size in the first paragraph on page 9 under the “Participant Selection” subheading in the Methods section. We also highlighted the justification for our sample size in the second paragraph on page 17 in the Discussion section.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

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