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We thank the reviewers for taking the time to provide helpful feedback on our manuscript. We address specific points made by each reviewer below, and indicate the page and line numbers where our amendments can be found in the manuscript.

Reviewer 1: We thanks the reviewer for agreeing to review our manuscript, and for their encouraging feedback.
Reviewer 2: We thank the reviewer for both agreeing to review the manuscript, and for highlighting important points regarding the study’s conclusions. We have attempted to address these within our manuscript, and our amendments are detailed below:
1. Thank you for bringing this specific CONSORT checklist to our attention. We have now completed the CONSORT extension for pilot and feasibility studies, and have both mentioned this in the methods section, and referenced the checklist (page 4 lines 3-4).
2. We agree with the reviewer that the conclusions drawn regarding progression to a full scale trial were not sufficiently summarising the issues we experienced with recruitment, adherence and intervention fidelity. We have now amended both the conclusion in the abstract
(page 2 lines 23-26) and the main conclusions (page 16 lines 4-9) to reflect our intention to first continue to further develop the intervention and the proposed evaluation methods, before we consider progressing to any further outcome trial.

Thank you