

Theoretically-informed vs standard cover letter to improve participant response to mailed questionnaire: results of an embedded randomised retention trial

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Supplementary Appendix 1: Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria
18 years of age or older at the time of signing the consent form; Diagnosis of diabetes mellitus (according to WHO criteria [a]); Presence of a DFU with a suspected mild to moderate soft tissue infection (as per IDSA guidelines [b]); Able and willing to provide informed consent for participation in the study; Consent for foot photography.	Index ulcer present for >2 years; Presence of suspected osteomyelitis of the index limb; Previous participation in the trial; Not expected to comply with the sampling strategies (i.e., has a preference); Not expected to comply with the follow-up schedule; In the opinion of the local investigator the participant's foot infection is too severe to include them in the study.

Note, no additional criteria were required to be randomised to the SWAT.

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