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Ms Norton
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Dear Ms Norton, editor in chief,

We are very pleased to submit the enclosed manuscript with the title: 'Activity and Life After Survival of a Cardiac Arrest (ALASCA) and the effectiveness of an early intervention service: Design of a randomised controlled trial [ISRCTN74835019]' for publication as an original design article in your journal.

This study protocol has already been approved by the Medical Ethics Committee of University Hospital Maastricht/ Maastricht University, The Netherlands. Furthermore, the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZON/MW) reviewed the study protocol and supports this project financially. Copies of both approvals will be added electronically in the 'additional materials' files.

All authors listed agree with the submitted version of the manuscript and with the listing of the authors. None of the authors have any financial or other relationship that might lead to a conflict of interest. The manuscript is not simultaneously being submitted elsewhere.
I hope that you will consider the manuscript suitable for publication in your journal and hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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