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Title: A multi-center, randomized, clinical trial comparing adhesive polyurethane foam dressing and adhesive hydrocolloid dressing in patients with grade II pressure ulcers in primary care and nursing homes

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Dear Sir or Madam,

First of all, I want to inform you that this protocol study manuscript was submitted to BMC Public Health. However, I was recommended to submit the manuscript to BMC Nursing which has not impact factor at all. That is why research team decided to submit the manuscript on your open access BMC Family Practice Journal, because promotes studies which are mainly focused on primary health care, including clinical management of patients, professional training, shared decision making, and the organisation and evaluation of health care in the community. We do really feel that your journal is the best option because our scope of study is the clinical management of pressure sores.

Pressure sores are an important health issue which affects not only patients and relatives also to health costs. Also, it presents a high and variable prevalence and incidence, and scientific evidence regarding its treatment is quite poor and based in studies with some methodological pitfalls.

This protocol has been designed in order to overcome some of the pitfalls detected and support with a little more of evidence, two of the main dressings used for the treatment of pressure ulcers grade II which are recommended in the main national and international guidelines.

Also, this study is leaded by qualified and expertise nurses in pressure sores. Nurses are who have to struggle with pressure sores and treatment. They have to take decisions about the best treatment in each case. So, in order to improve its knowledge and to take decisions based in a good scientific evidence level, we think that your journal can meet not only our criteria also BMC Family Practice ones.

Finally, to inform you that this protocol study received a favourable reports of an Ethic Committee and a Public Competitive Funding from Health Institute Carlos III (PI11/01674)

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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