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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find enclosed a copy of the manuscript ‘The INTEGRATE study: effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of an integrated cardiometabolic risk assessment and treatment program in primary care. Design of a stepped-wedge randomized controlled trial’, which I would like to submit for publication in BMC Public Health.

The manuscript describes the protocol of a study that will evaluate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a cardiometabolic prevention program integrated in primary care, PPA CMR. More knowledge on this topic is essential for recommendations in large-scale implementation of primary prevention programs for cardiometabolic disease.

The study protocol has already been peer-reviewed twice, during submission for grant application by ZonMw and secondly by the UMC Utrecht Institutional Review Board.

All authors have agreed to the submission. The manuscript contains original work that is not under consideration by any other journal. It has not already been published in any journal or other citable form. All authors have read and agreed to the content of the manuscript and there was no conflict of interest.

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We hope that you will find the manuscript suitable for publication, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, also on behalf of the co-authors

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