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Dear Editors,

Thank you very much for considering our protocol for publication.

We carefully revised the author section of our manuscript, as requested in your email to Dr J.J. Duvekot at 9 Nov 2010. However, we have switched the second and third author but not removed any authors.

We would like to emphasize that the WOMB trial is a multicentre randomized controlled trial with 37 participating hospitals. We have already been very selective regarding the authorship section.

Therefore, all authors in our author section fulfill the criteria as mentioned in our email:

1) They have all made substantial contributions to conception/design or acquisition of data.
2) They have all been involved drafting or critically revising the manuscript
3) They have all given their final approval of the final version of our manuscript

Thus, no authorship is based on participation because of acquisition of funding, collection of data, or general supervision of the research group, alone.

I await your response. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Drs. B.W. Prick