Author’s response to reviews

Title: The IDEAL study: investigation of dietary advice and lifestyle for women with borderline gestational diabetes: a randomised controlled trial - study protocol

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Dear Editor,

Re: The IDEAL Study: Investigation of Dietary Advice and Lifestyle for Women with Borderline Gestational Diabetes - A Randomised Controlled Trial: study protocol

Thank you for your email of 15 August 2012 requesting changes to be made to the above protocol for publication in BMC Pregnancy Childbirth. We have made the requested changes as outlined below.

1. Ethical approval: A statement must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

An ethics statement is now included under the heading “Ethics Statement” in the Methods section of the paper.

2. Ethical and funding proofs: is the policy of the journal not to peer review study protocols where ethical and external funding approval have been obtained. Please clarify whether you have ethical approval and external funding for your study, and if so, could you send evidence of your approvals.

The IDEAL study has both ethical approval and external funding. As requested, both the ethics and funding approval letters for the IDEAL Study have now been attached through the submission system.

3. Please provide a list of any manuscripts that are under submission with other journals based on this study protocol

The protocol has not been published previously and there are no other manuscripts under submission with other journals based on this study protocol at the present time.

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Thank you once again and we look forward to publication of our protocol.

Yours sincerely,

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