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Title: Efficacy of baby-CIMT: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial on infants below age 12 months, with clinical signs of unilateral CP

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Dear Editor

Enclosed are a manuscript entitled "Efficacy of baby-CIMT: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial on infants below age 12 months, with clinical signs of unilateral CP". We hope the length of 6250 word is acceptable for a study protocol. The work has not been and is not intended to be published anywhere else. All authors have read the manuscript and agreed to submit it for publication.

We think this paper is suitable for your journal, covering the pediatric field but also because there is few study protocol for early intensive treatment of children with risk of developing unilateral CP.

We have not named any non-preferred reviewer but we do not want Dr Edward Taub and collaborators to be the reviewer. Likewise we prefer not having Dr Stephanie DeLuca and the Alabama group in USA to be the reviewer. This depends on disagreement about have to provide CIMT for small children. We have used a more child friendly model of CIMT even for older children as they do not accept.

Thank you for your consideration to publish this study protocol.