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Dear Editor:

We would like to request that the manuscript titled: “Rationale and design of Active Play @ Home: a parent-led physical activity program for children with and without disability” is evaluated for publication in the BMC Pediatrics. The manuscript has been prepared following the guidelines posted for the study protocol category. The authors would like their work to have high visibility and therefore have considered BMC Pediatrics as the right avenue for dissemination.

This study protocol has been approved by the California State University Fullerton Institutional Review Board and the protocol has been assigned the following record: “HSR #13-0142”. This study is funded by the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Awards W81XWH-09-1-0682 and W81XWH-11-1-0765 and has undergone peer-review by a scientific committee. The award W81XWH-09-1-0682 is the primary award for this project. Because the study is funded by the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, it also has been reviewed and approved by the Human Research Protection Office and has received the protocol record “HRPO Log Number A-16501.a”. Our study is undergoing as we are still recruiting participants to be enrolled and also are collecting data of participants who have already been enrolled. The study has been registered as a clinical trial and the record is NCT02058342 but the release is pending as of today.

Neither study results have been submitted for publication nor been published in a journal article. Only baseline data in a subsample of participants has been submitted for abstract presentations. All authors have participated sufficiently in the work related to this manuscript (as indicated per journal guidelines) to take public responsibility for its content. Thank you for considering our work.

Respectfully,

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