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Title: A novel school-based intervention to improve nutrition knowledge in children: Cluster Randomised Controlled Trial

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Dear Dr Titmus,

**RE: REVISED VERSION manuscript MS: 2130084261254560**

We are pleased to submit our manuscript titled ‘A novel school-based intervention to improve nutrition knowledge in children: Cluster Randomised Controlled Trial’ for consideration for publication in BMC Public Health.

We have added the following statement to the manuscript

“As the study assessed a new curriculum and change in nutrition knowledge with no identifiable data or anthropometry measurements, ethical approval was not required. The head teachers of participating schools filled out a reply slip and gave consent for participation and no individual consent was obtained.”

We conducted a cluster randomized control trial involving over 1000 primary school children in 38 schools in Cambridgeshire to look at the usefulness of a novel intervention to improve nutrition knowledge of the children. As the BMC Public Health has a special focus on interventions in the community, we think your readership will be interested in our work.

We found that the intervention was an effective and enjoyable way to engage children and while it did improve their knowledge about healthy eating, it was also interesting to find that the baseline level of knowledge is good in most primary school children.

We believe that the findings of this study will be of interest to health professionals and policy makers and are keen they are published in a wide-reaching journal like BMC Public Health and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Rajalakshmi Lakshman, on behalf of all the authors

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