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Title: The Use Of Conspicuity Aids By Cyclists And Risk Of Crashes Involving Other Road Users: Protocol For A Population Based Case-Control Study

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your prompt response and review of our submission.

I have addressed you suggestions as follows;

1) A power calculation is included on page 12.

2) I have removed the word ‘accident’ and replaced it with ‘collision’ or ‘crash’ as appropriate

3) The title has changed as a result of 2) and I have amended the submission pages as instructed

4) The reviewer’s comments regarding the inclusion of a section on ethnicity are valid.

There was discussion regarding its inclusion prior to RES submission. It was decided to include it as the ethics committee had raised concerns that the questionnaires would discourage responses from non-native speakers. I wished to have some way of assessing whether this was the case. As the protocol has received RES approval with this element included I feel it only right that a protocol paper should strictly adhere to the study as it is being implemented.

I look forward to hearing your response to my revisions,

Yours on behalf of the authors

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