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The Editors
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I am pleased to submit a protocol paper entitled “Prevention of Overweight in Infancy (POI.nz) study: a randomised controlled trial of sleep, food and activity interventions for preventing overweight from birth” for publication in your journal.

We believe your journal is appropriate for the following reasons:

1) You have a specific policy for publishing the methodology of major and ongoing studies that have been funded by major funding bodies and have ethics approval (applies to this paper).
2) You have published very similar articles to this one in the past including some studies that are going to be combined with ours in a prospective meta-analysis [1] (registered in the PROSPERO database)
3) You have published one of our current methodology papers [2]
4) This study is currently ongoing and the first results from this large RCT of a primary prevention strategy to prevent childhood obesity are expected in the next few months. The ability to point to the full methodology in a separate paper will assist in the preparation of the outcome papers

We will be asking for a decrease in the cost of publication if at all possible. This large study has proved quite expensive and the full resources of our funding are needed in carrying out the research, and the cost of publishing in an open access journal was not considered in our original funding application.

Yours sincerely


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