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Dear editor,

We hereby ask you to consider the manuscript “Stability and change in screen-based sedentary behaviours and associated factors among Norwegian children in the transition between childhood and adolescence” for publication in BMC Public Health. The manuscript reports from a longitudinal study investigating patterns of stability and change in TV/DVD use, computer/electronic game use and total screen time among Norwegian 11-13 year-old children. It also investigates factors associated with patterns of stability and change of total screen time.

Despite concerns of increasing sedentariness and its known adverse impacts on health, longitudinal studies looking at multiple sedentary behaviours and their stability and change over time are limited. Our manuscript addresses this gap among children in a critical age period. We believe that our manuscript will provide valuable information for public health workers and policy makers working to implement effective interventions targeting sedentary behaviour.

Kind regards,

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