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Cover letter

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Dear editor of the BMC Public Health,

Thank you very much indeed for the revision. Your comments have been useful to us in rewriting and improving the quality of the manuscript. Through this cover letter, we have provided point-by-point the changes made in the manuscript following the comment.

1.) Title Page:
Please include a title page at the front of your manuscript file. It should contain, at minimum, the names, institutions, countries and email addresses of all authors, and the full postal address of the submitting author.

The title page has been included at the front of the manuscript file.

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The Discussion section has been introduced into the abstract.

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In the submission system, we have changed that the article is not a clinical trial and have added the trial registration number, register and URL.
Trial registration number: NCT01878994
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5.) Please expand the power calculation for estimation of sample size. The statement that reads "However it is believed that a total sample of 100 subjects will be enough to evaluate all the hypotheses of the study" is inadequate. Please show details of the calculation.
The sample size of the protocol study has been modified.

6.) Please supply English language versions of all questionnaires developed specifically for use in this study. Alternatively, supply concise summaries of the central parts. Please upload as additional files.
The English versions of all the questionnaires referred to in this study, except for the physical activity self-efficacy for children [64], have been referred in the manuscript. The physical activity self-efficacy for children [64] is a questionnaire in Spanish and we have uploaded the article as additional files as requested. There are a summary about it on the last page of the article in English.

7.) Please state if all the sources of funding external to your institute. All the sources are external funding to our institute.
This research is funded by the Instituto de Salud Carlos III in Spain, from the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness with the expedient number PI12/02220, the Diputació de Lleida, the Department of Health of the Generalitat de Catalunya.

8.) Copyediting:
After reading through your manuscript, we feel that the quality of written English needs to be improved before the manuscript can be considered further.
The English language of the whole manuscript has been corrected by a professional translator in the matter.

9.) Please remove the ethics and funding proofs (additional files 3 and 4) from the revised submission as they were required for editorial assessment only (not for publication).
The ethics and funding proofs have been removed from the submission system.
We hope that the editorial board will agree with the changes made.

Yours sincerely,

Noemi Serra on behalf of the authors