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Title: The 40-something randomized controlled trial to prevent weight gain in mid-age women: study protocol and baseline results

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Dear Jimmar

We hope we have addressed your requests to your satisfaction. Please find attached

1. a revised version of the manuscript with the baseline data removed. we believe that the reader will find the inclusion and exclusion criteria clear if they consult the table (and we fixed an error in directing the reader to that table which is also attached as Table 1 for your checking) 2. a new figure to help explain "how the initial parameters define the goals and pathways further down the line’ to be listed as attachment 2 3. a copy of the ethics approval for the research

Please let me know if you need me to upload 1 and 2 into the online system or whether this email is sufficient thankyou

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