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To

Natalie Pafitis
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Dear Dr. Natalie Pafitis,

We would like to submit our manuscript entitled “Social and Economic Impact of Diabetics in Bangladesh: Protocol for a Case-Control Study” for publication as a study protocol in BMC Public Health journal.

The article describes a case-control study comparing cases with type 2 diabetes to controls without diabetes matched on age, sex and place of residence. The primary outcome measures will be association between diabetes and other health problems, cost of diabetes, impact of diabetes on quality of life and secondary outcome measures are impact of diabetes on health care systems in Bangladesh. Moreover, we believe that the article is of significant interests to the readers of the journal around the globe who are involved with policy making for public health in the developing countries and best suits to be published in the BMC Public Health.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with submission to BMC Health Services Research. The authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

The study has been approved by the Research Review Committee and Ethical Review Committee of icddr,b. The study has also been peer-reviewed by the granting authority and received funding from Swedish International Development Cooperation (SIDA) core grant no PR-13062. The study is currently in the data collection stage which will continue till April 2014. We declare that there are no publications containing the results of this study that has been published or under consideration by any journals. All ethical approval and funding approval documents have been forwarded to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com.

We would be very grateful if you could consider this manuscript for publication in the BMC Public Health.

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