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Re: **MS: 5499067361186246** - Protocol for the DREAM Project (Diabetes Research, Education, and Action for Minorities). A randomized trial of a community health worker intervention to improve diabetic management and control among Bangladeshi adults in NYC

Dear Ms. Pafitis:

In response to suggested edits / additions to our initial protocol manuscript submission, please see below:

**1. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation**

- The most recent approval letter from the New York University Langone Medical Center Institutional Review Board (IRB) has been included as an attachment in an email response to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com as documentation of ethical approval.
- The grant award letter from the National Institutes of Health, National Center on Minority Health & Health Disparities has also been included as an attachment in an email response to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com as documentation of funding approval. Please note: the submitted protocol is being conducted with funding from a P60 program project grant, and thus the attached notice of award does not reference the study specifically.

**2. Funding**

- The submitted study is externally funded by a government agency (see above). The initial funding proposal was reviewed by a scientific review committee prior to being awarded.
3. Study status

- The submitted study is currently recruiting and enrolling study participants, so it is considered to be ‘ongoing.’

4. Related Articles

- There have been no other publications containing the results of the submitted study, either submitted or published. Formative work that helped to inform the design and implementation of the submitted study has been previously published (see list below), but does not include results for the submitted study:


5. Trial registration number

- The submitted study has been registered with clinicaltrials.gov (NCT #02041598). The trial registration number has been added to the previously submitted abstract and uploaded to the online submission system, as requested.

Thank you for your initial review of our protocol manuscript. We hope that you will consider our submission for inclusion in an upcoming publication of BMC Public Health, and look forward to your response. Should you have any further questions regarding this submission, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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