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Re: Population Impact of a High Cardiovascular Risk Management Program Delivered by Village Doctors in Rural China: Design and Rationale of a Large, Cluster-Randomized Controlled Trial

Dear Editor,

We are pleased to submit this manuscript to *BMC Public Health*. This paper describes the study protocol of a large trial in rural China involving 120 villages. To the best of our knowledge, it is the first cluster-randomized trial to evaluate the population-wide impact of a high-risk based approach for prevention and control of cardiovascular disease.

We believe the protocol and the innovative design of the present study will be of interests to your readership and we appreciate your consideration of our paper. All authors approve this submission and we have also received clearance from our main funder, the United States National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NIH. We have forwarded the ethic approval letters (in Chinese and translated into English from Peking University and in English from Duke University) to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon and are prepared to work with your team and the reviewers in the coming weeks to improve the manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

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On behalf of all authors