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Dear Professor Latkin

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We would like to thank BMC Public Health for provisionally accepting our manuscript for publication.

In response to the following query:
Please clarify the status of the Sugar Association of South Africa. Is it a commercial body, or commercially funded? If so, please declare the funding by this body in the Competing Interests section. Please also do this for any other bodies that may be commercially funded. Please note that this is a standard declaration and no impropriety is inferred.

We apologize for not declaring this funding in the competing interest section of the manuscript. We have now included the following sentence in the competing interest section: “This study was funded, in part, by the Sugar Association of South Africa. The study design, interpretation of data or presentation of information was not influenced in anyway by this funding.” This study was not funded by any other commercial bodies.

We thank you for reconsidering our manuscript for publication.

Yours sincerely

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