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Title: Psychological, social and biological determinants of ill health (pSoBid): Background, design and recruitment characteristics of a population-based study

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Dear Sir

Re: Psychological, social and biological determinants of ill-health (pSoBid): Background, design and recruitment characteristics of a population-based study.

We submit for your consideration the revised manuscript as requested. It describes the methods/design, and characteristics of the recruited cohort of a study of the determinants of ill-health in deprived communities in Glasgow. We believe it will be of interest to your Public Health audience because of the potential to use this study protocol to investigate interrelationships between chronic, inflammatory and associated biomarkers (endothelial dysfunction, insulin resistance) and atherosclerosis and mental outlook from a population perspective. Few studies in Public Health, to our knowledge have such a broad ranging approach to investigate the determinants of ill-health in the population.

The following are the revisions made in response to your concerns:

1. All statistical analysis (including figures) has been removed.
2. We have only included the results of the recruitment in the manuscript as suggested by you.
3. We have included the description of the statistical analysis that is being used.
4. The manuscript has been formatted according to the journal style including the references.
We hope this is to your satisfaction.