Author's response to reviews

Title: Vitalum study design: RCT evaluating the efficacy of tailored print communication and telephone motivational interviewing on multiple health behaviors

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to publish my study protocol at BMC Public Health. Herewith, I would like to resubmit a new version of the study protocol including changes made to the format of the article as requested in the e-mail of June 5, 2008.

The following changes were made:

1) Each affiliation is written in full, in the following format: department, institute, city, and country. Institutional addresses were repeated if the authors are from different departments within an institution. I have not used full capitals for country names and have not included full-stops in abbreviated country names. Each author was linked to their corresponding affiliation with the use of superscript numbers.

2) 'Figures' was re-titled to 'Figure legends'.

3) The appendix was placed before the acknowledgements section of the manuscript. The box surrounding the text in the appendix was removed.

4) Two references were updated. The reference of Smeets, Brug and De Vries (advance access published October 10, 2006) was replaced by the final publication version (2008, including volume number and page numbers). The reference of Smeets, Kremers, Brug and De Vries (2006; dissertation chapter) was replaced by the published version of this chapter, i.e. De Vries, Kremers, Smeets, Brug and Eijmael (in press).

5) One variable was added to the section ‘outcome measures – socio-demographic variables’, namely ‘family history of cardiovascular disease’, since this variable was also measured in Vitalum.

Please let me know if you have questions or if changes are incorrect.

With kind regards,

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