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Title: (S)Partners for Heart Health: a school-based program for enhancing physical activity and nutrition to promote cardiovascular health in 5th grade students

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Dear Editors BMC PH,

I have some very minor changes/edits

In the Abstract go to Discussion: in the first sentence I added "the" before Spartner for heart... the sentence should now read

*This paper describes the rationale, development, and methods of the Spartners for Heart Health program.

In the following sentence I added "in children" at the end. This sentence now should read-

* This is a multi-level intervention designed to promote heart healthy behaviors and prevent or manage CVD risk factors in children.

In the main manuscript the first page first paragraph under background I modified the final sentence. Before the change it read:

"Due to the early origins of atherosclerosis and pediatric obesity epidemic, there is considerable interest in the cardiovascular and metabolic health of youth [8]"

This was replaced with -

*Due to the early origins of atherosclerosis and the increasing prevalence of pediatric obesity and other CVD risk factors, there is considerable interest in the cardiovascular and metabolic health of youth [8].

The first sentence of the following paragraph I also modified the first sentence: Before the change it read:

"The current obesity-metabolic syndrome problem among U.S. youth is in part
linked to physical inactivity and poor dietary habits.”

It was replaced with:

* The current obesity and CVD risk factor problem among U.S. youth is in part linked to physical inactivity and poor dietary habits.