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Title: Effects of a short individually tailored counselling session for HIV prevention in gay and bisexual men receiving Hepatitis B vaccination

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled “Effects of a short individually tailored counselling session for HIV prevention in gay and bisexual men receiving Hepatitis B vaccination” by Mireille E.G. Wolfers et al., which we are submitting to BMC Public Health for publication as a original research paper.

In this paper we describe positive effects of a short single counselling session for HIV prevention in gay and bisexual men. This intervention was delivered to men who were visiting the municipal health service for Hepatitis B vaccination. The counseling was tailored to relational status, addressing relevant behavioural determinants according to the Theory of Planned Behaviour. The intervention was evaluated in a pre-test, post-test control group design, with a follow-up of six months. The intervention seemed mainly to have affected behaviour with steady partners. This is important because risk behaviour is higher in steady relationships than in casual contacts and HIV infections are often transmitted within a steady relationship.

We hope you will find our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Public Health, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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