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Title: Participant Recruitment and Retention in a Pilot Program to Prevent Weight Gain in Low-Income Overweight and Obese Mothers

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Dear Dr. Norton:

As suggested via email correspondence February 25, 2009, we are submitting two revised manuscripts with new titles: “Participant Recruitment and Retention in a Pilot Program to Prevent Weight Gain in Low-Income Overweight and Obese Mothers ” and “Developing a Pilot Mothers In Motion Intervention.” We suggest publication in the regular article and correspondence article categories, respectively. These manuscripts are complementary but not redundant.

In the manuscript about recruitment and retention strategies, we added more detailed descriptions of recruitment and screening procedures, inclusion and exclusion criteria, and stratified randomization. We also added a brief description of our intervention, our procedures for evaluating recruitment/screening and recruitment and the application of these findings for recruitment/screening and retention in our plans for a full trial of the Mothers In Motion intervention. A future manuscript will present baseline data and data gathered during the course of the study and follow-up interviews.

We have no conflict of interest regarding the subject matter of this manuscript. Also, there is no duplicate publication or submission of this manuscript in part or in its entirety elsewhere.

Thanks for reviewing and considering this manuscript

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Sincerely,

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