Author’s response to reviews

Title: Zinc supplementation in pre-diabetes: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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The Editor,
Trials Journal,

Dear Sir,

**RE: Manuscript 8279578798526499 “Zinc supplementation in pre-diabetes: study protocol for a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial”**

Thank you for your letter and the opportunity for resubmission. The constructive feedback from the journal was invaluable and we are now submitting the revised manuscript.

We have attached our responses to your comments made on a point by point basis and have indicated explicitly the ways in which we have changed the manuscript in line with the reviewers comments. We have made necessary changes in the manuscript based on the suggestions.

Thank you for considering the paper for publication.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. P. Ranasinghe

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Editorial comments

1. Please ensure the title conforms to journal style for study protocol articles. The title should follow the format ?__________: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.?  
   
   **Author response:** Title changed as suggested by editors.

2. Please include a statement in your Methods section explaining that you obtained informed consent from each participant.

   **Author response:** We have added this in the methods section of the manuscript.
Reviewer comments

Reviewer 1 (28 January 2013)

The manuscript is well-written overall. I recommend two minor essential revisions prior to publication of the manuscript in Trials

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

1. Statistical analysis: Please state explicitly whether you intend to perform intention-to-treat or per-protocol analysis for the primary outcome. Do you have an a-priori statistical analysis plan? Please state how "multiple" testing will be addressed in your statistics.

   Author response: A brief description of the statistical analysis plan was included in the methods section of the revised manuscript (page 11)

2. Please state if you comply with the Declaration of Helsinki and the GCP guidelines.

   Author response: The study will be conducted in compliance with these guidelines. We have added a statement in these regards in the Methods section of the revised manuscript (page 13).