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Dear Sir,

**RE: ‘Trent Falls Prevention Study’ – a multifactorial day hospital intervention to reduce falls in high risk older people in primary care: a multi-centre randomised controlled trial**

On behalf of the study authors, I would be most grateful if you would consider publishing this trial protocol on BMC Trials.

We believe this is an important study, addressing falls in the older population of the United Kingdom. It seeks to determine the clinical and cost effectiveness of screening for individuals at high risk of falling and providing a day hospital based intervention.

An important feature in the methodology is the use of prospective monthly diaries, supplemented by telephone contact from the study team. This technique of ascertaining outcomes probably represents the current gold standard in falls research and we feel that this should be in the public domain.

The manuscript follows closely the initial trial protocol and is inclusive rather than exclusive, I would be happy to edit the content should you feel that there is excessive detail.

For your information, this trail has already been peer-reviewed twice - for pump-priming funding and substantial funding, the latter by Research into Ageing, a major funder of ageing research in the United Kingdom. The trial is in progress and has full ethical approval.

I look forward to hearing your reply.

Yours faithfully

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