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Dear Editor,

Ref: Submission to BMC Systematic Reviews “Systematic review of financial incentives to encourage uptake of healthy behaviours”

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled “A Systematic Review of the Use of Financial Incentives to Encourage Uptake of Health Behaviours: protocol” that we would be grateful if you would consider for publication in BMC Systematic Reviews as a protocol paper.

The protocol describes a systematic review exploring the effectiveness of financial interventions to promote health behaviours. Given the increasing interest in such interventions in both developed and developing countries, we believe this study should be of interest to a wide variety of your readers.

As a review of previous work, this review does not require ethical approval. The protocol has been published on-line with PROSPERO (http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/display_record.asp?id=CRD42012002393), the online repository for systematic review protocols, but has not been published elsewhere. The work is funded by the UK National Institute of Health Research as part of a Career Development Fellowship awarded to myself (see attached funding letter). As such, we believe that the manuscript meets your requirements for being published without formal peer review.

All authors declare that they have no competing interests and have read and approved the final version of the manuscript. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

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