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Title: Assessment and model guided cancer screening promotion by village doctors in China: a randomized controlled trial

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Dear editor,

We are submitting a manuscript titled “Assessment and model guided cancer screening promotion by village doctors in China: a randomized controlled trial”. It documents the research protocol of our ongoing project we had just started recruitment.

Proven cost-effectiveness contrasted by low uptake of cancer screening (CS) calls for new methodologies promoting the service. Contemporary interventions in this regard relies primarily on strategies targeting general population or selected sub-groups with limited attention being paid to individualized approaches. This trial tests a novel package for promoting CS utilization by high risk individuals via continuous and tailored counseling delivered by primary caregivers.

The study is funded mainly by the National Science Foundation of China and the study protocol had undergone peer-review by the funding body.

We declare no conflict of interests and confirm that no results of this study have already been published or submitted to any journal, although it has benefited, as clearly indicated in the manuscript, greatly from two of our previously published studies.

Please note that this trial is designed and implemented as an integral part of an umbrella project called eCROPS-CA rather than a spate one. With regard to eCROPS-CA, we have already submitted a separate manuscript titled “eCROPS-CA: a systematic approach toward effective and sustainable cancer prevention in rural China” (MS ID: 8295742801311703). These two manuscripts complement with each other with the later describes the overall design, strategies, and components of our intervention while the former, detailed procedures, contents and methodologies for promoting one of the specific objective behaviors, uptake of cancer screening.

With best regards,

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