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Dear editorial board of Pediatrics,

We are grateful that you are considering accepting our manuscript. We have carefully revised the protocol concerning the contribution part in the manuscript, see page 32, line 1-7. Earlier, we have revised the protocol according to the comments listed below and worked through the manuscript one more time to match the submission guidelines.

Best Regards

The SPIBI research team; EB, MWA, KL, ACS, BW & UÅ

Four critical questions from BMC Pediatrics and the answers from the SPIBI-team

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There were no additional comments from the two reviewers at this point.