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Title: A cluster randomised controlled trial to investigate the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the Girls Active intervention: a study protocol

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Dear Editorial Team,

We are submitting a protocol manuscript titled ‘A cluster randomised controlled trial to investigate the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the ‘Girls Active’ intervention: a study protocol’. ‘Girls Active’ is a school-based physical activity, sport and PE intervention targeting adolescent girls and we feel that this type of research fits within the scope of BMC Public Health and meets the preferred criteria for protocol papers. The Girls Active intervention will be evaluated at 7 and 12 months following baseline and will provide data on approximately 1600 adolescent girls. This study is funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Public Health Research Programme in the UK (and has therefore undergone extensive peer review during the grant application process) and has received ethical approval from the host institution (funding and ethical documents have been sent by email to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com).

We can confirm that we have just finished baseline data collection and have therefore not published any of the results of this study.

We can confirm the article is not under submission elsewhere and all authors have seen and approved the contents of the submitted manuscript.

Many thanks for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you in
due course.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Charlotte Edwardson