Author’s response to reviews

Title: Active Living: Development and quasi-experimental evaluation of a school-centered physical activity intervention for primary school children

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Dear editor, dear Natalie Pafitis,

We thank you for providing us the opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled ‘Active Living: Development and quasi-experimental evaluation of a school-centered physical activity intervention for primary school children’ (ID = PUBH-D-15-01026). Below, we respond point-by-point on the editor’s comments.

Sincerely on behalf of the co-authors,

Dave Van Kann

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Editor’s Comments to Author:

1. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation Before we can proceed with your submission, can you please forward copies of all ethical approval and funding approval for our records. These documents should be sent as email attachments to the following email address,
We herewith confirm that we have sent the original research proposal for the Active Living proposal as accepted by the funder. Moreover, we have sent the approval of the Medical Ethical committee of the Maastricht University Medical Centre (MUMC+) as well as the amendment to conduct an additional measurement in 2015. An additional document has been sent to the editorial office with a translation of the relevant parts of the ethical approval which are marked in yellow in the original files.

2. Funding

A study is considered to be externally funded if the authors have been awarded a grant for the study by a major funding body (e.g. governmental funding/award from a charitable foundation). If a study has not received external funding, then the study protocol will be sent for peer-review with a member of our Editorial Board. If a study has received funding/assistance from a commercial organization, this should be clearly stated in the ‘competing interests’ section of your manuscript, and the study protocol will be sent for peer-review by a member of our Editorial Board. Can you please confirm whether your study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body.

The Active Living study is funded by the Dutch Governmental funding agency ZonMw (Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development), Project Number 200130003.

ZonMw holds the following review procedure: A project idea is submitted and scored on relevance and feasibility by a committee consisting of national experts. Projects fulfilling the ‘excellence’ criteria are allowed to work out their project idea into a complete research proposal (as submitted). These complete research proposals are sent to 3 international reviewers for peer-review.
3. Study status

The protocol must be for a study that is ongoing. An ‘ongoing’ study is defined as one where the investigators are still collecting, or analyzing data. Can you please confirm what stage your study is currently at.

The Active Living study is in the status of ‘analyzing data’.

4. Related Articles

Can you please clarify whether any publications containing the results of this study have already been published or submitted to any journal. If so, can you please provide a list of the related articles.

No publications about the results of the Active Living study have been published.

- Please include the date of registration alongside the Trial Registration Number at the end of the abstract.

We included the registration date alongside the Trial Registration Number; “Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN25497687 (registration date 21/10/2015)”