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- The Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Bangladesh has confirmed that they have peer-reviewed this protocol before selecting for fund.

- Trial registration: ClinicalTrials.gov NCT03975335, retrospectively registered on 01.06.2019.

- Only the selected students will be invited for receiving health education session on a pre-fixed day other than the usual school day. The parents or legal guardians will be informed to send their children on that day through telephone call and notice on school diary. If they send their children on that day, it will be regarded as their implied consent, which can be used instead of written consent according to World Health Organization guideline. This procedure of taking consent from the guardians has been approved by Institutional Review Board of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Bangladesh.