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To the Editor,

RE: Manuscript submission to Implementation Science

Please find attached an original manuscript, ‘A randomised controlled trial of an intervention to increase the implementation of a healthy canteen policy in Australian primary schools: study protocol’, for consideration for publication in your journal as a protocol.

Improving the availability of healthy foods at school canteens represent has been the subject of government policy in most Australia states, as well as other jurisdictions internationally. However, research suggests that foods provided for sale at these outlets do not comply with such policies. To the best of our knowledge, the attached protocol is the first to describe a randomised trial assess the effectiveness of interventions to improve implementation of a healthy canteen policy. We believe that the study will be of particular interest to Implementation Science readership, and will have important implications for public health research practice internationally.

The trial has been funded by the Australian Research Council as part of the nationally competitive Linkage grant scheme – attesting to its scientific rigor, innovation and potential public health impact. The research has ethics approval form the University of Newcastle and Hunter New England Local Health District.

The work embodied in the manuscript is original and was conducted by the listed investigators. All authors have contributed to the conception and development of the manuscript. All authors have also read and approved this final version. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

We hope this manuscript meets your approval, and look forward to receiving your response at your earliest convenience.

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