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Title: Newborn Infection Control and Care Initiative for Health Facilities to Accelerate Reduction of Newborn Mortality (NICCI)

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Dear Dr. Altman and Dr. Furberg,

Please find enclosed the manuscript protocol entitled: "Newborn Infection Control and Care Initiative for Health Facilities to Accelerate Reduction of Newborn Mortality (NICCI)" for consideration in your esteemed journal.

The aim of the study for which we are submitting our protocol is improving newborn health through behavior change targeted at health center midwives, village health care workers, and families of newborns, alongside improved care coordination between community and health facility level. We hope that our intervention will improve knowledge of newborn danger signs and care behaviors, leading to more rapid case detection and appropriate referral for better newborn health outcomes. As such, this protocol should be of interest to a broad readership including those interested in neonatal infection in low resources settings, those interested in community based research, and others.

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There are no competing interests for any of the authors of the protocol.

Thank you for your consideration of this work. We feel that it will contribute to the field of investigation and will be of interest to your readers.

Sincerely,

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