Reviewer's report

Title: The Baby Milk Trial: study protocol of an explanatory randomised controlled trial of a theory-based, multicomponent intervention to prevent excessive weight gain during infancy

Version: 2  Date: 30 June 2015

Reviewer: Bijan Borah

Reviewer's report:

1. Are sufficient details provided to allow replication of the work or comparison with related analyses: if not, what is missing?

I. Intervention commences between 2-14 weeks when the baby is enrolled in the study. This is a long range of time, and the exact week when the baby is initiated to formula milk needs to be accounted for as a potential confounder in evaluating the primary outcome.

II. The "Recruitment and Retention" section states that "General Practices (GP, nurse, other practice staff) will invite participants at the baby's 6 week health check and immunization clinics." This is in contrast to what has been stated in the previous section that that the baby might be enrolled in the study as early as 2nd week? Please clarify this inconsistency, write clearly what exactly is being done in terms of recruitment timing.

III. There are few grammatical mistakes/typos which needs fixing. (e.g., page 12: "...the training is support by...")

2. Is the writing acceptable?

Yes.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflict of interest with this manuscript.