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Title: FIRST STEPS - a randomized controlled trial on the evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of two early prevention programs for promoting the social integration and a healthy development of children with an immigrant background from 0-3

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Dear Editors,

we are enclosing a submission to the Journal *BMC Psychology* entitled, “FIRST STEPS – a randomized controlled trial on the evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of two early prevention programs for promoting the social integration and a healthy development of children with an immigrant background from 0-3”. The manuscript is 21 pages long and includes 2 figures. Excluding the abstract and the references the paper contains 5,288 words. The manuscript has not been published previously and is not under review elsewhere. Neither my coauthors nor I myself have any interests that might be interpreted as influencing the research, and APA ethical standards were followed in the conduct of this research.

We hereby confirm that we have forwarded the requested documentation to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com. Attached you find the original documents of the requested ethical approval and funding approval for your records. Translated versions of the relevant parts are attached as well, endorsed and signed by our head of administration. Furthermore we confirm that our study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding bodies.

We also confirm that the study protocol is for an ongoing study, it is a longitudinal study in which we are still collecting and analyzing data. No publications containing the results of this study have already been published in or submitted to any other journal.

I will be serving as the corresponding author for this manuscript. All of the authors listed in the byline have agreed to the byline order and to submission of the manuscript in its present form. I will keep my coauthors informed of every step in the review process and of potential revisions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Judith Lebiger-Vogel