

Appendix 3 (as supplied the authors): Letter confirming independent statistical review



October 21, 2015.

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Dear Dr. Campbell-Scherer:

Thank you for asking us to act as an independent statistical reviewer for your paper, entitled "Implementation and Evaluation of the 5As of Obesity Management in Primary Care: the 5As Team (5AsT) Randomised Control Trial".

My statistician, Imran Hassan, and I have performed a thorough review of your dataset and manuscript, and can attest that the analyses have been performed correctly.

As you know, EPICORE Centre (www.epicore.ualberta.ca) has over 20 years of experience in clinical trials and health outcomes research, having completed over 700 projects and supporting over 260 different investigators.

Congratulations on an excellent paper.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Tsuyuki".

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