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Title: Promoting healthy eating and active playtime by connecting preschool children to nature: A randomised control trial. Study protocol.

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Dear Editor Natalie Pafitis,

Following are the corrections of our paper titled "Promoting healthy eating and active playtime by connecting preschool children to nature: A randomised control trial. Study protocol."

Editor’s comments:

1. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation

   The study has been approved by the University of Hong Kong Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) for ethical clearance for research involving human participants (nr: EA1502073). This ethical clearance includes a detailed consent for participation in the study, which all the participants have to read and sign prior to their involvement in the study. All ethical and funding approval documentation was sent to the email: BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com and confirmed it in cover letter

2. Funding

   Authors confirm that the study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding bodies; HKU SEED funding, Gallant HO Experiential Learning Centre GHELC and Knowledge Exchange Grant

3. Study Status
The study is ongoing and currently on the stage of recruiting participants.

4. Related Articles

Authors confirm that one article reporting the results of the pilot study conducted prior to this RTC was submitted to PLOS ONE (number of participant: 39). The topic of the article is “Playtime, healthy eating and nature experiences for Hong Kong preschools. Evaluation of the pilot study “Play&Grow”.”

5. Study Location

The study will take place in Hong Kong.

6. Authors' Contributions

Authors’ contributions were added in the manuscript explicitly.

7. Trial registration number: NCT02715544

Editorial Requests:
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3. Availability of supporting data:

   Not applicable at this stage but will be provided when the study is running

4. Authors Contributions:

   Authors’ contributions were added in the manuscript explicitly.
Thanks for your time.

Yours sincerely,

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