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Prof D Labadarios
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Dear Prof Labadarios

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION: Reproducibility of two, three and four 24-hour recalls over 7 months in peri-urban African adolescents in the North West Province.

D Rankin, UE MacIntyre, SM Hanekom, HS Steyn (Jr), HH Wright.

Attached please find the above mentioned manuscript for consideration for publication in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

I hereby declare that:

1. The manuscript presents original research.
2. The manuscript has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere.
3. I agree with the content of the manuscript.
4. I approve of the final copy submitted to the Journal.

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This manuscript presents an attempt to test the reproducibility of the 24-h dietary recall in adolescents in a developing country. This manuscript provides important information on the use and limitations of the multiple 24-hour recall method for the assessment of dietary intakes of adolescents in a developing country. The 24-h recall is widely used for dietary intake assessment, but little has been published on the reproducibility of the method or the number of days required for multiple 24-hour recalls.

I trust that you will consider our manuscript favourably.

Yours sincerely

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