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ARTICLE DETAILS

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	Study protocol for a randomized controlled trial evaluating the effect of prenatal omega-3 LCPUFA supplementation to reduce the incidence of preterm birth: The ORIP trial
AUTHORS	Zhou, Shao; Best, Karen; Gibson, Robert; McPhee, Andrew; Yelland, Lisa; Quinlivan, Julie; Makrides, Maria

VERSION 1 - REVIEW

REVIEWER	Philip Calder University of Southampton, UK
REVIEW RETURNED	07-Jul-2017

GENERAL COMMENTS	<p>This manuscript describes a study protocol. The study involves a RCT of 900 mg/day DHA rich oil in pregnant women. Intervention lasts from wk 20 to wk 34 of pregnancy. Sample size is about 5500. Primary outcome is Early Pre term Birth. Recruitment into the study is complete. This is an important trial. The manuscript is well written and very clear. I have only some minor issues for attention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Page 7, line 10. acid -> acids2. Page 7, line 14. play -> plays3. Page 7, line 14. are -> is4. Page 8, near end of Background. planned -> plan5. Inclusion criteria. Shouldn't "meet all" "meet both"?6. Exclusion criteria. delete "fetal" from "fetus should"
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REVIEWER	DR SUMIT KAR East Surrey Hospital Surrey & Sussex NHS Trust Canada Avenue Redhill RM15RH United Kingdom
REVIEW RETURNED	22-Jul-2017

GENERAL COMMENTS	This is a good quality trial with immense potential . Large number of participants are involved.
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VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

Please find a revised tracked changes version of this manuscript incorporating suggested edits:

1. Page 7, line 10. 'acid' changed to 'acids' (Page 4, in attached document)
2. Page 7, line 14. 'play' changed to 'plays' (Page 4, in attached document)
3. Page 7, line 14. 'are' changed to 'is' (Page 4, in attached document)
4. Page 8, near end of Background. 'planned' changed to 'plan' (Page 6, in attached document)
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