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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 South African 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 paper.
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. While the 24-h recall is widely used for dietary intake assessment, little has been published on the reproducibility of the method or the number of days required for multiple 24-hour recalls. This manuscript provides important information on the use and limitations of the multiple 24-hour recall method when used to assess dietary intakes of adolescents in a developing country.

I trust that you will consider our manuscript favourably.

Yours truly

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