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Dear editor, Prof Labadarios

We hereby submit our manuscript entitled “**Studies of South African schoolchildren since 2005 suggest lower anaemia prevalence in some regions**” for review.

This is an original review study which has not been published previously and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

None of the authors have any conflict of interest with regard to this work.

For the submission process I will serve as the corresponding author, but for the article Dr. N.M Covic will be the corresponding author. Dr. N.M Covic is a full-time lecturer and researcher at the North-West University. The addresses for myself, a Ph.D student at the North-West University (Miss C. Taljaard) and Dr. N.M Covic are stated below.

Thank you for considering this work for publication in your journal.

Yours sincerely,

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