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Title: The Effect of Nocturnal Wear of Complete Denture on Sleep and Oral Health Related Quality of Life: Study Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial

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Dear Dr. Grimshaw,

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled "The Effect of Nocturnal Wear of Complete Denture on Sleep and Oral Health Related Quality of Life: Study Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial" by Elham Emami (EE), Phan The Huy Nguyen (PTHN), Fernanda Almeida (FA), Jocelyne Feine (JF), Igor Karp (IK), Gilles Lavigne (GL) and Nelly Huynh (NH).

We believe that the present work would be of great interest for the audience of the Trials Journal. This practice-relevant research could help planning a preventive approach to improve sleep characteristics of the older population and, thereby, improve well-being and quality of life. The novel and valuable information obtained from this trial will guide future diagnostic classification and treatment decision-making, and will assist agencies like the Canadian Dental Association, the Canadian and the American Academies of Dental Sleep Medicine, and the American and Canadian Sleep Societies, in producing truly evidence-based practice guidelines. These practice guidelines will ultimately be used by primary care providers, dentists, and sleep medicine specialists who provide care for the millions of edentate seniors all around the world.

This study protocol has also been approved by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). The application was very successful and received the first rank within the committee for the 2014 Operating Grant competition of the CIHR (Grant number: 325899).

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