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Dear Editors:

### Correction

Minor corrections are required for the description of the sample size calculation in our paper titled "Effectiveness of a home-based early intervention on children's BMI at age two years: randomised controlled trial." BMJ 2012;344:e3732. The revised text, which will have no effect on the overall results, should read as follows in bold with additions underlined:

**"The sample size calculation was based on the primary outcome, BMI or BMI z-score, which was assumed to have a SD of 1.5, or 1.0 respectively. To have 80% power to detect a difference in mean BMI of 0.38, or mean BMI z-score of 0.25 units between the groups at age 2 at the two sided 5% significance level, we needed a sample size of 252 per group."**

We reported the outcome in terms of BMI z-score in the responses to our paper at <http://www.bmj.com/content/344/bmj.e3732?tab=responses>

We sincerely apologise for this error.

Would you please also draw this to the attention of Philip Sedgwick, who used our article as an example in his paper "Sample size: how many participants are needed in a trial?" BMJ 2013;346:f1041.

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