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Dear Professor Duttaroy,

We would like to submit our manuscript “The contribution of school meals to energy and nutrient intakes of Swedish children in relation to the dietary guidelines”, which is a quantitative original research paper. We believe that the article is of interest to *Food & Nutrition Research*, since it deals with nutrition from school meals, using Sweden as an example, which is one of three countries in the world where free school meals are served. The article is based on secondary analyses of data from a large, nationally representative food consumption survey among children. The manuscript in its present form, focusing on school meals, is an original work and has not been published or presented orally previously, and is not currently being considered for publication by another journal. This is a unique study, since it presents data on Swedish school meals based on a nationally representative sample. All the authors have reviewed and approved the complete manuscript. This research received no specific grant from any funding agency in the public, commercial or not-for-profit sectors. The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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