Additional file 1: Websites used for recruitment and internet penetration rates in each participating country

Country	Website used for recruitment	Internet
		penetration rates*
	Western Europe	
United Kingdom	Targeted email to pregnancy forum subscribers:	93% [1]
	www.bounty.com	
	Pregnancy Forums: www.pregnancyforum.co.uk;	
	www.pregnancyforum.org.uk	
Italy	Pregnancy Forums: www.gravidanzaonline.it;	70% [1]
	www.forumsalute.it; www.mammole.it;	
	www.pianetamamma.it; www.miobambino.it	
	Targeted email to pregnancy forum subscribers:	
	www.gravidanzaonline.it	
Switzerland	www.bebe-bebe.com; www.swissmom.ch	84.2% [2]
France	www.aufeminin.com (Including ipad application to	91% [1]
	website subscribers)	
The Netherlands	www.lareb.nl; www.gezondzwangerzijn.nl;	98% [1]
	www.babybytes.nl	
Austria	www.schwangerschaft.at; www.schwangerschafts-	93% [1]
	blog.at; www.fratz.at; www.netdoctor.at;	
	www.babycenter.at; www.baby-boom.at; www.ekiz-	

Country	Website used for recruitment	Internet
		penetration rates*
	dachverband.at; www.babyguide.at	
	Northern Europe	<u>I</u>
Norway	www.barnimagen.com; www.klikk.no;	99% [1]
	www.jormorsiri.no; www.tryggmamamedisin.no	
Sweden	www.barntotal.se; www.minbebis.com;	99% [1]
	www.se.babycenter.com; www.socmed.gu.se	
Finland	www.vauva.fi; www.meidanperhe.fi; www.kaksplus.fi	99% [1]
Iceland	Pregnancy Forums: www.bland.is	100% [1]
	Eastern Europe	
Russia	www.babyblog.ru; www.littleone.ru	47.7% [2]
	Pregnancy Forums: www.woman.ru; www.9months.ru;	
	www.bemam; www.280dney.ru; www.iampregnant.ru	
	www.pregnancy.org.ua; www.baby.ru;	
	www.mama66.ru; www.spuzom.ru	
Poland	www.zzief.umlub.pl	84% [1]
	Pregnancy Forums: www.ebrzuszek.pl;	
	www.babyboom.pl; www.zapytajpolozna.pl;	
	www.planujemydziecko.pl; www.twoja-ciaza.com.pl	
Croatia	www.cybermed.hr	80% [1] (data

Country	Website used for recruitment	Internet
		penetration rates*
		from 2010)
Serbia	www.ringeraja.rs	52% [1](data
		from 2009)
Slovenia	Pregnancy Forums: www.med.over.net	92% [1]

*Indicates the frequency of internet access - at least once a week, including every day - among individuals aged 25-34 years. Differences between men and women were relatively small. Slightly more than two thirds of men (70%) and 65% of women used the Internet regularly.

Country	Website used for recruitment	Internet penetration
		rates
North America		
USA/Canada	www.otispregnancy.org; Facebook page of OTIS;	Canada: 94% [3] **
	www.babyontheway.com.ca;	USA: 80.2% [4] [§]
	www.justmommies.com	
	Pregnancy Forums: www.babyandbump.com	
	www.babycentre.com.ca; www.thecradle.com;	
	www.talk.sheknows.com; www.parenting.com	
South America	www.otispregnancy.org; Facebook page of OTIS	South America: 48.2%
		[2]
	Pregnancy Forums: www.semanaasemana.com;	

www.univision.com; www.elembarazo.net	

^{**} Indicates individuals aged 16-45 years who used the internet for personal use.

[§]Indicates individuals > 18 years old, access from anywhere; household internet for women is equal to 68.1%; higher percentages are observed for people aged 25-54 years.

Country	Website used for recruitment	Internet penetration
		rates ^{§§}
Australia	www.mothersafe.org.au; www.bubhub.com.au	83% [5]
	Pregnancy Forums: www.abds.org.au; www.birth.com.au	

^{§§}Indicates households with access to the internet at home.

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