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We the authors were instructed to make the following changes to our work:

\textbf{1) Ethics}: Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (\url{http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm}), and any experimental research on animals must follow internationally recognized guidelines. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

Therefore, in the Methods section, under the ‘Study Population and Data Collection’ subheading, the following paragraph was added:

“Research carried out was in compliance with section 25 of the Helsinki Declaration,\[15\] as permission was sought and granted to access medical notes from the Clinical Effectiveness Facilitator from Aberdeen Royal Infirmary’s Medical Records Department (Project ID: 2035).”

Due to adding a new reference, all subsequent references were changed (from 16 to 17 for example) to accommodate the addition in the body and the reference section.

Finally, the subheadings were all uniformly formatted to be bold and non-italicised.

Sincerely,

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