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Dear Dr. Majithia,

We have revised the manuscript as per your requests. These revisions include:

- We added a statement on the identity of all 5 ethics committees who were approached for approval. This addition is now in the text on page 9.

- A statement of written informed consent for figure 1 has been added and now appears in the legend of figure 1. As the study (V-TIME) is not yet recruiting, the picture is of a person using the existing system.

- We have registered the study in ClinicalTrials.gov and are now in possession of a trial registration number. This number now appears in the abstract section of the manuscript.

- We are also including the authorization from the ethics committees of 4 out of 5 of the clinical sites. The authorization for RUNMC is still pending and will be submitted upon approval.

Thank you again for your consideration and patience

Sincerely,

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