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Before we can proceed with your submission, can you please forward copies of all ethical approval and funding approval for our records. These documents should be sent as email attachments to the following email address, BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com. Please DO NOT upload these documents as additional files in the submission system. If your documents are not in English, please could you provide translated versions of the relevant parts. These should be endorsed and signed by a contactable person at the institution. Please also include the original documents. Can you please confirm in your cover letter that you have forwarded the requested documentation to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com.

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This study was awarded external funding from two charitable foundations, beyondblue and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. The study underwent peer-review for each of the grants and has as such been peer-reviewed twice during the funding application process.

3. Study status

The protocol must be for a study that is ongoing. An ‘ongoing’ study is defined as one where the investigators are still collecting, or analyzing data. Can you please confirm what stage your study is currently at.

The study is currently ongoing and participants are still participating in the study. Data analysis will commence soon.

4. Related Articles
Can you please clarify whether any publications containing the results of this study have already been published or submitted to any journal. If so, can you please provide a list of the related articles.

The results of this study have not been submitted for publication yet. We have submitted a development and feasibility study paper, see below. This paper is currently under review.