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Response to additional formatting requests regarding consent

Informed consent was obtained from all parents whose babies were included in the study. The written informed consent was however collected in connection to a semi structured interview performed before discharge. The consent form explained the purpose of the study according to praxis and included the already collected camera material. That informed consent was not collected prior to camera recording was due to logistic reasons since it is impossible to know who will need resuscitation. With this limitation and with the fact that written consent was collected in retrospect, before analysis, the study received ethical approval. Thus no parents were unaware that their babies had been recorded and no camera material was used for analysis without parental permission.

An updated statement regarding parental consent has now been included in the methods section under the subheading "Ethical approval". A reference to the study protocol "Implementing a simplified neonatal resuscitation protocol-helping babies breathe at birth (HBB) - at a tertiary level hospital in Nepal for an increased perinatal survival", where ethical issues are further discussed, has also been added.

Best wishes,
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