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Dear Editors

We have now done the two fundamental changes you had requested.

1. The abstract was re-done by Joanna Murray who has specific expertise and experience in qualitative research and she is a native person and English is her first language.

2. Following your request we have also amended the paper to include some description of specific themes identified and quotes to support each theme and our findings. Some of the responses were reported verbatim for clarity. However I would also like to note that because the questions were short and structured, the answers were also short and for some question most patients provided single worded replies while only a few elaborated their answers.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to improve the paper

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