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Title: Ethical challenges in connection with the use of coercion. A focus group study of health care personnel in mental health care

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Dear Editor;

We hereby resubmit the manuscript, “Ethical challenges in connection with the use of coercion. A focus group study of health care personnel in mental health care” (MS: 1251746508133918), after having made the changes asked for:

1. The abstract is formatted according to the BMC Medical Ethics guidelines.
2. The methods section is rewritten:
   - Research question explicitly stated.
   - Adding details of how recruitment was conducted, including information about purposive sampling. We have described why we chose to interview seven focus groups.
   - Analytic approach is described in greater detail.
   - Clarifying that our study was informed by a literature review we performed at the same time as we did the focus group interviews.
   - Regarding reliability check: stating that the three authors agreed on how to interpret the findings (no big disagreements).
3. In the evaluation of strengths and limitations of our study, we have included the information that both participants with positive and negative or critical attitudes to the use of coercion participated.
4. The methods section is rewritten in order to clarify concerns regarding the ethical aspects of the research project.

Yours sincerely,
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