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Title: Does the process map influence the outcome of quality improvement work? A comparison of a sequential flow diagram and a hierarchical task analysis diagram

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Dear Editor,

Please find a revised manuscript file, Colligan301209, in which the following minor revisions were made.

1. Page 9, sub section headed “Procedure”, last sentence. This sentence was changed from “The interviews were transcribed and analysed using an inductive thematic analysis” to “The interviews were transcribed and analysed thematically”. This is a clearer description of the analysis process.

2. Page 11, sub section headed “Discussion”, second para, last sentence. The first part of the sentence was changed from “This is in agreement with Marsolek and Friesdorf [9] who advocate the use….” to “This is in agreement with Marsolek and Friesdorf [9] who advocated the use….”.

3. Page 13, para 2. The fourth sentence was revised from “It offered flexibility in representing important goals which do not correspond to specific acts at specific times but which represent ongoing issues that could be triggered at any time, such as seeking help from a peer, or tasks that are purely cognitive” to “It offered flexibility in representing important goals which did not correspond to specific acts at specific times but which represented ongoing issues that could be triggered at any time, such as seeking help from a peer, patient education, or tasks that were purely cognitive”.

4. Page 13, para 2. The fifth sentence, “HTA is also more useful in representing tasks that do not have to be performed in a specific sequence….” was deleted because it seemed repetitive.

5. Page 14, para 1. The last sentence of the paragraph was changed from “……are also better encompassed by the HTA with its focus on the goal to be obtained rather than the precise method” to read “……are also better encompassed by the HTA with its focus on the goal to be achieved rather than the precise method used”.

6. Page 15, subsection headed “Conclusions”. The first sentence was changed
from “The results of this study indicate that….” to “The results of this study indicated that….”

I hope this proves to be satisfactory.
Yours sincerely,
Janet Anderson