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Please provide specific name of ethics committee which granted approval in the manuscript.

Authors’ response: We have mentioned in the manuscript about the Independent Ethics Committee (which did not have any specific name). The study setting did not have any specific Ethical Review Board to grant the ethical approval. Therefore, we formed an Independent Review Board, comply with the guidelines of the Indian Council for Medical Research in constituting the members and reviewing the protocol. Further, this study did not have any clinical tests involved and had verbal informed consent from the study participants. This was an exploration on a Government program and had consent from the District Health administration on conducting the study. Please find the link citing an example of a study obtaining ethical approval from Independent Board in the same study setting.

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