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In response to your request, we have revised the text in the first paragraph of the Data Collection sub-section (p. 8) to indicate the source of information regarding the guidelines for ethical clearance. The revised text reads as follows:

The study protocol was reviewed and authorized by the head of the Nursing Unit and the director of the Regional Health Office. Close contact with regional ministry stakeholders in the planning and implementation of the study helped ensure local norms were respected. In line with guidelines of the Guatemalan medical association, ethical clearance was not required as our study did not involve clinical trials or human testing (L. Charraud, personal communication, Bioethics Committee).

Respectfully,

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