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In response to the request for additional information regarding consent procedures the following changes have been made to the original manuscript.

1. A new section entitled ‘recruitment’ has been added to the methods section. This section details the mailed recruitment strategies used throughout the study and the information that will be provided to participants. This section also highlights that participants can opt not to receive any further communication from the study at any time.

2. The intervention is described according to the different study phases. Each phase; Survey phases, intervention/screening phases and qualitative phase, have different consent procedures. A statement of consent it now included in each of the relevant sections in the manuscript.

Specifically; consent to participate in the baseline and endpoint surveys will be obtained via return of the completed survey. Consent to participate in the screening test will be obtained via return of the completed participant details and consent form and/or return of the completed FOBT. Participants consenting to qualitative interviews will return signed consent forms.

Copies of the ethics approval and funding documents have been emailed to the Senior Editorial Assistant as requested. I hope that this information is satisfactory, please contact me if you require anything else.

Sincerely,

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