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Title: A community-based intervention to increase participation in cervical cancer screening among immigrants in Norway

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Q.1. Ethics approval and consent to participate Thank you for clarifying this, however, please specify in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section that whether consent to participate was given verbally or in written format as it is unclear that you mentioned ‘so it was not oral consent’ at the end of this section but you felt written consent was not needed previously.

If verbal consent was obtained please state whether the local ethics committee approved this consent procedure along with providing the full name of the ethics committee who approved this in this section.

Response:

We have added the text under "Ethics approval and consent to participate” section

The project was approved by “The Norwegian Regional Committees for Medical and Health Research Ethics”. We did not feel the need for a written consent as the intervention was just giving information and we only required the presence of the participants and this was approved
by the ethics committee as stated above. During the intervention stage, it was mostly us that gave information at the meetings. In addition, the questionnaires they answered had this text “By answering this questionnaire you accept that we use this information only for the purpose explained to you. All information will be treated in strict confidence”.

Q. Figures

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Response:

For the figure we have added the figure number on the last line pg. 6

For Supplementary file we have added the number on line 13 pg. 7 and first line pg. 8.