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Dr Magdalena Morawska
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Dear Dr Morawska,

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Many thanks for forwarding comments from the Associate Editor and Executive Editor. We have revised and resubmitted the main manuscript in light of these comments. Our response to the comments is below.

**Associate Editor comments:**
Now that the relevance for primary care has been made clear, to address the many GP readers properly, the implications of the findings with respect to general practice as "whole person medicine" needs to be discussed. Involving nurses is perhaps not the only, or perhaps not the most efficient, way of providing care for patients who have experienced a TIA.

We have added the following paragraph to the discussion section

Moreover, we believe that the role of primary care should not be limited to the secondary prevention of stroke. This paper demonstrates that TIA provides long term consequences of a physical, psychological and social nature. These long term consequences belie the ‘transient’ notion of this particular trauma. GPs and other primary care professionals are well placed to monitor the long term physical, psychological and social implications of TIA and to consider these whilst
providing information, support and ongoing review of secondary stroke prevention measures. [Lines 321-26]

Executive Editor comments:
We note that you removed the ages of patients in Table 1 and changed it for age ranges, this is fine. However, before we proceed, please remove gender from Table 1 to safeguard patients confidentiality.

We have removed gender from Table 1 as requested

Thank you for considering this manuscript.
Yours Sincerely,

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