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Dear Dr. Helbostad:

Thank you for your response to our manuscript re-submission. We did not specifically ask participants for consent to publish patient information. Consequently, we have revised Table 1 as you requested to contain only 2 indirect identifiers: sex (inferred by pseudonym) and years of MWC experience. The “age” column has been revised to provide broad age ranges (in 10 year increments), which we believe should sufficient guard against identification while still providing a sense for the reader. The “location” column has been renamed “site”, reflecting the site where the interviews were conducted (data collected) but does not infer a personal address, location of treatment, or place of birth (Hrynaszkiewicz et al., 2010) since participants could have moved since their MWC acquisition. I trust that this sufficiently addresses the confidentiality concerns you have raised.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards;

Ed Giesbrecht