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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the provisional acceptance of our article.

1. We note that the combination of information about the participants given in table 1 may compromise participant anonymity. It is our policy to not publish more than 2 indirect identifiers without consent for publication from participants. The combination of the name of the hospital, along with other information, may compromise anonymity. In this instance, I suggest changes the exact ages included in this table to age ranges, ensuring that you also use age ranges after your quotes also.
The age of the participant has now been replaced with an age range in table 1 and throughout the article.

2. In order to be in line with journal requirements, please include the following headings within your manuscript: Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions

The word 'Introduction' has now been replaced with the word 'Background' and the word 'Findings with 'Results'' pages 6 and 9.

3. In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

The words 'The funding body were not involved in the design of the study, collection, analysis, interpretation of data or writing of the manuscript' has been added under the item Funding on pages 29 and 30.

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'Consent for publication: Not Applicable' has been added to the manuscript on page 29.

We trust that our article will now be ready for acceptance.
Yours sincerely,

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