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In your “ethical approval and consent to participate” section of your declarations please confirm who gave consent on behalf of the cognitively impaired participants included in the study, and how this consent was documented.

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Thank you. Written consent was obtained from all included participants before data collection (line 356). In this study, we excluded participants with known pre-existing cognitive impairment (lines 109-110), and those then identified by the MoCA during the study were redirected to their general practitioners and were not excluded on the basis of the MOCA scores.