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1. Please note that in the case of adults with dementia, members of a study may not be capable of providing ethical consent for their participation. In instances such as this we would expect a legal guardian or representative to provide consent to participate in their stead. If this was the case then please add a statement to the Ethics approval and consent to participate subheading to reflect that the guardians of these participants provided consent on their behalf.

Alternatively, an overseeing mental health expert may have ruled that all adult patients and participants have been deemed capable of ethically and medically consenting for their
participation in the research presented in this manuscript. If so, please clearly indicate this in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

ACTION: The 'ethic approval and consent to participate' has been updated with more information about consent processes.

2. Please note that all authors should be named by using their initials rather than full names in the Authors’ contributions section. For example, author John Smith should be represented as JS in this section.

ACTION: Initials are now used instead of full names