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Reviewer comments: The authors have modified the manuscript as requested in the first review. The reorganisation of the manuscript aids with the clarity of the article. This version of the article is suitable for publication.

The only minor point remaining is the question of percentage of patients who were unwilling to participate. The authors list this as 13% (139 people), which is the percentage of the initial sample of 1086. However, depending on when participants were unwilling to participate, this could be a far greater percentage. For instance, if the removal of 682 participants due to their age occurred before participants were given the chance to refuse to participate, the percentage of people unwilling to participate would be 35% (139/402).

Answer

We would like to thank the reviewer for the positive evaluation of our paper and for pointing us to this weakness. We added this aspect, which further limits generalizability, in the limitations section of the discussion (page 13, last paragraph).