Dear Editors,

I have revised the manuscript as requested.

1. Please provide further details about the waived need for consent to participate. You state that the study was initially constructed as a quality improvement project, and presumably your local IRB waived the need for ethical approval on these grounds. However, the nature of your study, which focuses on the cognitive assessment of your participants, does appear to qualify as research and not as a service evaluation.

Please note that an ethics waiver does not automatically extend to consent to participate. If the need to obtain informed consent to participate was waived by the IRB or is deemed unnecessary according to national regulations, then please clearly state this, including a reference to the relevant legislation if applicable.
I have sent an email attachment with the KU IRB policy that states that QI projects do not require informed consent. I have also sent a letter from the IRB stating that this project was a QI project and not human subject research.

2. Please replace the current statement in the "Competing Interests" section with "None of the authors have any competing interests".

-I have made the changes

3. Please delete the first paragraph in the Authors' Contributions section (starting with "All authors" and ending with "listed below:")) on p17, lines 33-39, as this information is obsolete.
- I have deleted that line

4. In the "Funding" section of the Declarations, please indicate the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

- I have added a line to explain that the funding was used for statistical analysis and will be used for publication costs.

Thank you for your thorough review. Please let me know if any other changes are required.

Sincerely,

Aditi Gupta