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1. Thank you for amending the methods, however we would like to request that you include more detail on the training process for clinicians who used the app. Please also include more details of how data will be extracted and prepared for analysis.

We have added some more details about training to "Implementing the QUiPP app Intervention " and data extraction to the "Data collection" section. We hope this is sufficient as it already exceeds what was necessary for ethics approval and trial conduct, and we have not had to provide this level of detail for previous protocol publications with your journal.

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many thanks for your timely review

Dr Helena Watson