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This study was approved by the UNC IRB and the local Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. We have sent both letters of approval to the above email.

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This study was funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health in the US. The grant number is 5R01MH087118-05. We have sent the original notice of award from NIH to the above email.

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Yes, the study data is being analyzed. The final data was collected at the end of last year and we are in the process still of analyzing the data for the study.

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No articles with results have been published.

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We have added information on the planned main analyses.