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We did not obtain ethical clearance to cover this article as it involved interviews with key informants who were mostly health professionals. The Nigerian Health Research and Ethics Committee legislation does not clearly state that clearance is required in such settings. We therefore deemed it unnecessary as the risk was negligible and only non-identifiable data was collected.

We are happy to pursue a waiver from the relevant authority if this becomes a sticking point. This usually takes several months to obtain.