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Dear Dr Cornacchia:

Thank you for your email of March 10, 2015. I can confirm the following:

1. Ethical Approval Documentation:
   • I have attached a copy of the ethics approval letter from The University of Sheffield Research Ethics Committee to an email sent to the BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com email address as requested.

2. Funding Approval Documentation:
   • I have attached a copy of the award notification letter from NHS England Nursing Technology Fund (second round) to an email sent to the BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com email address as requested;
   • Please see http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/ntf-second-rnd-portfolio.pdf page 18 for confirmation of the award;
   • Further details of the funding competition may be found at http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/tsd/sst/nursing-technology-fund/; and
   • We were not required or permitted to submit a separate protocol for review but we embedded the content of the protocol (including the Figure 1 diagram submitted as part of our paper) within the successful application for funding.

3. Study status:
   • I can confirm that we commenced the study last month and we are actively progressing with data collection.

4. Related articles:
   • As we are in the process of data collection I can confirm that we have not yet published any articles on this study and would seek to do so with your publication at the earliest opportunity.

I can confirm that as a result of the above, no changes have been made to the submitted article.

If you have any questions about the paper please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
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