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Title: Socio-cultural contexts of end-of-life conversations and decisions: bereaved family cancer caregivers' retrospective co-constructions

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1. Ethics approval and consent to participate

Please provide full details on the Ethics approval and consent to participate obtained for your study, as outlined in the Methods.

Thank you. We have provided full details under declarations in the sub-section titled ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ [pg.19].

2. Consent for publication

Since your manuscript contains quotations from the focus groups, we would expect that consent for publication was obtained by the subjects involved. Therefore, this statement in the Declarations should not be ‘Not applicable’. Please amend it clarifying the type of consent for publication obtained.

Thank you. We have clarified the consent granted for publication in the procedures section [pg.5 lines 11-13], and under declarations in the sub-section titled ‘consent for publication’ [pg.18]
3. Table 1

We appreciate that pseudonyms are used in the text to maintain subjects' anonymity. Table 1, however, contains details that may compromise their identity. We would therefore kindly ask you to remove this table and its references from the manuscript. Similarly, we advise to use age ranges in the text.

Thank you. We have deleted the table and all references to it from the manuscript. In addition, all references to age in the text use age ranges [Results section, paragraph 1, pg.7]