Author’s response to reviews

Title: A mixed methods investigation of surrogate end-of-life decisions among older adult partners

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for taking the time to review our manuscript and provisionally accepting it for publication.

We have made the necessary amendments and have replied to your comments below. We hope we have successfully addressed them.

Best wishes,

Eleonore Batteux

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Richard Tunney

Editor Comments:

1. Consent

-- In the section 'Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate', please state whether the informed consent obtained was written or verbal. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

We have specified that the informed consent was obtained in writing.
2. Abbreviations

-- If abbreviations are used in the text they should be defined in the text at first use, and a list of abbreviations should be provided in the Declarations.

We have no longer used abbreviations in the text which were not defined at first use. We have now included a list of abbreviations in the Declarations.

3. Consent to Publish

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Please also clarify whether the consent to publish was for the potentially identifiable information in the quotes (age and sex information).

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The informed consent to publish was written and we have now specified this. As we did not specifically ask for consent to publish potentially identifiable information, we have removed the sex and age information. We decided against using an age range as all participants were older adults and in a narrow age range.

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We confirm that we have done so.