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Dear Ms. Foley,

thank you very much for your comments and proposals!

1) Remove the very first paragraph of the Background section. This is not required.

Thank you for your proposal.

We removed the first paragraph from the Background section, p. 3.

From our point of view, the description of the intervention (e.g. aims and goals of the planned electronic system) is necessary to contextualize interviews conduction. Therefore, we placed this paragraph in ‘Methods’ section (Methods of data collection, p. 6).
2) For better consistency throughout the Results section, there should be quotation extracts in each subsection of the Results. Currently, under the subheading 'Current assessment practices of patients' need', there is no quotation extracts here to illustrate the findings communicated in this subsection. Please insert at least one extract quotation to support the findings reported in this subsection.

Thank you for your comment.

We added one quotation which illustrates the satisfaction with the current assessment practices in this subsection: ‘Current assessment practices of patients’ needs’, p. 8

3) In the Results section, for optimal presentation of the work and without adding anything further to the Results section, please ensure that all paragraphs are of reasonable length (currently there are some paragraphs with just two sentences). This can be achieved by pulling some of the very short paragraphs in the results section into the already well formed paragraphs in the Results.

Thank you for your note.

We merged to short paragraphs in the Results section: ‘Results’, pp. 7-11.