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The full name of the ethics committee that approved the study is now embedded
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A copy of the questionnaire used in the study is uploaded as an additional file.

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