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Title: Development, implementation and evaluation of a clinical research engagement and leadership capacity building program in a large Australian health care service

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Dear Mr Nonato and Miss Partridge,

Thank you for considering our manuscript and for providing in principle acceptance upon further amendments. Thank you also for your valuable suggestions to improve our manuscript. Please find herewith resubmission of our manuscript along with amendments in response to editorial requests.

Sincerely,

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<td>1. Title - Please remove 'Protocol:' from your manuscript title. This is not necessary but you may wish to incorporate the words into the full sentence of your title.</td>
<td>We have removed ‘protocol’ from the title in page 1 (title page), line 3. We have reordered the sentence in the abstract to ensure it is clear that the paper is a protocol, page 3, line 12: “The protocol is based on principles of research capacity building and on a six-step framework, which have previously led to successful implementation and long-term sustainability. A mixed methods study design will be used.”</td>
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<td>2. Consent - Please clarify within the Methods whether written informed consent will be obtained from participants involved in all stages e.g. semi-structured interviews and questionnaires. If in the case of survey questionnaires consent is implied by completion then please clarify this.</td>
<td>The following sentences have been added: Page 13, line 8: “Participant consent will be implied upon completion of the survey.” Page 14, line 12: “A participant information and consent form (approved by the Monash Health Human Research Ethics Committee) will be provided and explained further verbally before obtaining written informed consent and proceeding with the interview.”</td>
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Further detail has been provided concerning ethics approval and funding has been provided from page 20.