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Title: The impact of an interprofessional training ward on the development of interprofessional competencies: Study protocol of a longitudinal mixed-methods study

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Can you please confirm whether your study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body.
- The implementation and evaluation of the interprofessional training ward was supported by funding from the Robert Bosch Foundation (a charitable foundation). The study protocol has not undergone peer-review by the funding body.

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The protocol must be for a study that is ongoing. An ‘ongoing’ study is defined as one where the investigators are still collecting, or analyzing data. Can you please confirm what stage your study is currently at.

- Currently data has been collected in form of interviews, observations and questionnaires, which are still being analyzed. Data collection is expected to be completed until 10/2018 and will be analyzed subsequently.

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