Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

The following issue was raised in the most recent revision:

1. Thank you for including a statement regarding consent. However, as requested previously, we ask that you please include the reasoning for this and to clearly state whether an ethics committee approved this form of consent. Please include this information in the Ethics approval section of the Declarations.

Our Response: We have added reasons for obtaining an informed verbal consent. The following statement is included int Ethics approval section of the Declarations:

"Participation in the study was voluntary and the participants provided informed verbal consent prior to enrollment in the study. A verbal consent was considered appropriate acknowledging the OTs hesitation with any record of participating in a survey. The study protocol along with the verbal consenting was approved by the Ethics Review Committee at Asmara College of Health Sciences (reference number not provided along with the approval).

We believe this provides the required explanation. Please let us know if we need to provide any further information.

Thanks,

Rajendra