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1. The manuscript would require substantial rewrites to the structure of the manuscript to fit into the editorial guidelines for BMC Medical Ethics (full guidelines found here - https://bmcmedethics.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines). In particular the conclusion section is much too long and should be moved to the discussion section.

Thank you for the comments. We have revised the whole document to fit into the editorial guidelines of BMC Medical Ethics. Specifically, we revised the conclusion section and moved most of the sections to the discussion. The paper has also been revised in line with the second comment below.

2. It appears to us this manuscript was originally focused on ethical issues and we would advise that any re submission removes the attempt to focus on consent.

Thank you for the comment. We revised the manuscript to focus on other themes that emerged from the data apart from consent issues.