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At the moment, table 1 contains what we would consider to be identifiable information as the patients' ages, educational level and type of treatment are listed. If you do not have permission to publish identifiable individual patient information then we ask that you remove the patients' ages from the table. If you do have this permission then please can you include details of this in the consent to publish section of the declarations.

Prior to the interviews participants were verbally informed that the results of the alpha test and the interviews were to be submitted for publication. We did not request written permission because this explanation was audiotaped at the start of all the interviews. However, I removed the age of each individual participant.