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Title: Recipients' and providers' perspectives of obesity and potential barriers to weight management programmes in patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA): a qualitative study

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Dear Dr Partridge,

Re: Recipients' and providers' perspectives of obesity and potential barriers to weight management programmes in patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA): a qualitative study (OBSY-D-17-00015R1).

Many thanks for sending through requests for further corrections to this paper.

In response to editorial comments, please see below:

1. Title page and submission system corrections. We note that the corresponding authors affiliation is incorrect on the submission system. Please also ensure that each authors' affiliation and email address is listed on the title page. We additionally note that the corresponding author’s affiliation and email address on this page do not match (KCL and QMUL).
Response: Many thanks for pointing out this error. The title page has now been corrected to accurately reflect my current affiliation with QMUL and match my affiliation on the submission system. (Section: Title page, Line: 3-6)

2. Table 2 contains information which together may allow participants to be identified. We would refer you to table 1 of the following article: https://trialsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1745-6215-11-9

Please kindly revise this table to remove identifiers and provide ranges where possible. (Please ensure age and time in position are provided as ranges.)

Response: Age and time in position are now provided as ranges and the column identifying gender has been removed. (Section: Results, Line: 158)

3. Ethical approval. Thank you for providing this statement. Please clarify where ethical approval was obtained as this seems to refer to Wales when the study took place in London. Ethical approval should be obtained from a committee local in the region where the study took place.

Response: As per the earlier statement, ethical approval for the study was indeed granted by a Research Ethics Committee in Wales. The study then received local approval from the trust where the research took place. I am happy to provide the necessary documents should they be required.

We thank the editor for their helpful comments and have made revisions as recommended. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if any queries arise. We look forward to hearing from you again soon.
Yours sincerely,

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