Case Disc ssion

While there are several reports of individual outbreaks and their management (Parish a., 1991; Andersen a., 2000; de Beer a., 2006), there has been no systematic attempt to describe scabies in older

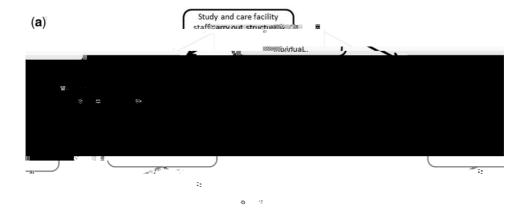




Fig re 1. (a) Scabies study protocol for enrolment of participants. (b) Protocol for nominated consultee approval.

explicitly permitted subject to the usual regulations. While more thorough knowledge of legislation and guidance would have pre-empted some of the difficulties we experienced, we hope that this description of some of the outstanding ambiguities and further questions will be interesting to others, and provoke further discussion and guidance. It would also be interesting to solicit the guidance of international colleagues who will operate under different legislations and ethical boundaries.

Ackno ledgements

We would like to acknowledge the advice from Professor Steve Iliffe in the Research Department of Population Health at UCL; Mr Adam Smith at DeNDRoN (Dementia & Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network); Dr Kathryn Lord and Dr Elizabeth Sampson of the BePAID study at UCL; Johanna Turner at East London NHS Foundation Trust; Tricia Best and Sylvia Wallach, patient and public involvement representatives from the Alzheimer's Society.

F nding

This work was supported, in part, by a Small Grant (S509) from the British Skin Foundation (registered charity number 313865, 4 Fitzroy Square, London, W1T 5HQ). The funders had no role in study design, data collection and analysis, decision to publish or preparation of the manuscript.

Con icts of Interest

J.B. is a member of the NHS Research Ethics Committee

Young, J. and Fox, C. (2014). Systematic Review Investigating the Reporting of Comorbidities and Medication in Randomized Controlled Trials of People with Dementia. *A a A*, 43, 868–872. Tsutsumi, M., Nishiura, H. and Kobayashi, T. (2005). Dementia-Specific Risks of Scabies: Retrospective Epidemiologic Analysis of an Unveiled Nosocomial

Outbreak in Japan from 1989-90. $BMC\ I$ D a , 5, 85. Wilson, M. M., Philpott, C. D. and Breer, W. A. (2001). Atypical Presentation of Scabies Among Nursing

M424-M427.