



Table 7 Summary of TH participant's details

Photo	Pseudonym Name	Age	Background information	Time and date of interview	Place of Interview
	Yachak Ambi	54	Yachak Ambi was a renowned TH in the community and had patients from all over the world. As a result, he was also involved in tourism. Ambi had taken interest in the maintaining of the Kichwa culture and traditions, nonetheless, facilitated the medical carrier of his son. Ambi had previously participated in research related to the components of the guaysa plant.	13/10/2017 117 min	His home
	Healer Rocio Tupac	35	Rocio was a healer who was extraordinarily knowledgeable on the healing properties of plants. Rocio was married to the son of one of the most recognised Yachaks in the region. While she learned much of the plant knowledge from her father in-law, she also accounted her father in-law to be responsible for her powerlessness to become a Yachak.	12/10/2017 38 min	Central park - Tena city town
N/A	Yachak Angel Parco	60	Yachak Angel was the president of the Yachak Amazonian Council. This organisation was in charge of regulating the healing practices of the indigenous people in the Amazon region. Yachak Angel was also a political activist and was working with other indigenous representatives in the development of a law that protected indigenous 'ancestral' knowledge.	17/10/2017 154 min	Council's office

	<p>Midwife Marta Juarez</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Marta was the eldest midwife in the Association of Kichwa Midwives. The association's objective was to promote and impart the knowledge of traditional Kichwa midwifery. Marta was not only the eldest, but also the most knowledgeable and experienced midwife in the Association.</p>	<p>18/10/2017 103 min</p>	<p>Association's premises</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>Mama Ajayo**</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Mama Ajayo was the only woman Yachak I met. In our interview she told me about her spiritual gifts and her preference to be called an Ajayo. Ajayo is also a Kichwa word for wisdom. While she did not discuss the reasons with me, she called herself Ajayo instead of Yachak. Nonetheless, she was known within the community to be a formidable Yachak. Mama Ajayo also participated in the Yachak gathering that took place while I was there.</p>	<p>01/11/2017 N/A</p>	<p>Her home</p>
	<p>Yachak Marcos Ramirez</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Yachak Marcos Ramirez was also a renowned Yachak and musician in the community. Yachak Marcos was the TH who hosted me during the three-month fieldwork period. Yachak Marcos contributed to this research as my gatekeeper, as a participant in the interviews and by permitting me to observe and later assist in most of the healing ceremonies he undertook during the time I was there.</p>	<p>15/12/2017 125 min</p>	<p>His home</p>

* Although the majority of participants gave their consent for their original names and photographs to be used for this research, in order to protect their identity, all identifying details have been anonymised.

** Participant's identification has been kept anonymous in respect of not having her consent to be audio-recorded.