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We would like to thank your review on our manuscript. We describe our point-by-point response to the concerns below.

Comments

“We would ask you to clarify the authorization details for the health register data access. Please clarify whether you obtained approval from a data protection committee and institutional ethical review boards. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.”

This study was approved by the Parc de Salut Mar Clinical Research Ethical Committee. Following suggestion we include next text in the Methods section of the manuscript: “This study was approved by the Parc de Salut Mar Clinical Research Ethical Committee of Barcelona, Spain (number 2011/4229/I)”.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions. We look forward to a favourable review.

Sincerely,

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