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Dear editors,

Following changes have been made to the manuscript:

1. Reference numbers in the text have been formatted differently: instead of [1],[2],[3],[10] the references were numbered like this: [1-3,10]
2. The heading “Ethical considerations” was changed to “Ethical approval”; the text was changed from:
   Patients will have to sign an informed consent form prior to enrolment in the study. It is not expected that participation in the study will expose the patients to relevant risks. GPs, pediatricians, and patients will participate voluntarily and will be allowed to abandon their participation at any time and without giving reasons. The protocol was approved by the ethics committee of the Rostock University Medical Center before recruitment of physicians and patients.
   New text:
   The protocol was approved by the ethics committee of the Rostock University Medical Center before recruitment of physicians and patients on September 10th 2012 (A 2012-0108).
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3. Under the heading “Acknowledgements” the text was changed from:
   The study is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (grant number 01GY1140).
   New text:
   The study is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF; grant number 01GY1140) and was sent for peer review before awarding the funds.
   Information about the grant can be found on the official webpages of the German government:
   http://foerderportal.bund.de/foekat/jsp/SucheAction.do?actionMode=view&fkz=01GY1140
   Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need another proof about the ethical approval or funding or if you have any questions.

With kind regards,
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