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Title: Prognostic value of physicians assessment of compliance regarding all-cause mortality in patients with type 2 diabetes: primary care follow-up study

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As indicated in our first revision point (response to Marcel Adriaanse, point 17) the study was part of the quality assessment requirements physicians in Germany are required to do (see page 5, para 2, line 1, page 11, para 3, lines 1-3). For this purpose, only information available in the patient's chart or explored during medical history to take adequate care for patients with diabetes according to the current state of the art was collected and analysed in an entirely anonymous manner. Participation was voluntary and all information was collected anonymously at the time of the patient's office visit.

The informed consent of each patient was documented on the physician's questionnaire (see page 5, para 2, line 8-11). The study has been carried out in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (page 5, para 2, lines 11-12). We now added this informations into the methods section.