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Cover letter

Thank you for your remarks. We tried to incorporate all of them into the manuscript. Considering the few requests, we keep this cover letter short.

Remarks

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Answers

a) The data is not publicity available. The study protocol was approved by the institutional review board and the ethics committee of Witten/Herdecke university and also approved by the data protection commission of the state of North Rhine Westfalia. This information was added to the Methods section.

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