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Comment

“Please include in the methods section the full name of the ethics committee that approved your study.”

Response

In multicenter/multinational studies, such as the PRO Validation Study and the Diamond study, there is no single Ethic Committee approval, and ethics approvals are instead received locally at each centre or centrally/regionally in some countries. To provide this information, the following additional text has now been added to the Methods section (lines 96–98): “The PRO Validation study and the DIAMOND study were both multicentre studies, and both were approved by a central or local Institutional Review Board (IRB)/Research Ethics Committee within each country.”