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As requested, we have updated the methods section to state: "The EPIC II study was approved by the ethics committee of Erasme Hospital, Belgium, the coordinating center. Local ethical committee approval at each participating center (see Appendix for list of participating centers) was expedited or waived because of the observational nature of the study".

We hope this is now satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,
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