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The following sentence has been added regarding ethical approval and informed consent, as requested, in the methods section, just before laboratory measures:

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