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Authors’ response: Given this is a population–based observational study (non-interventional study) the ethical committee of the Catalonia Health Institute (ID: CEIC IDIAP J. Gol P09/49) considered that an informed consent will be not necessary for including as cohort member every one of the 27000 individuals 60 years or older assigned to any of the nine Primary Care Centers participating in the study. In the present revised manuscript we have added a paragraph on the ethical concert section explaining this concern. Currently this paragraph says:

“The study protocol has received ethics approval by the ethical committee of Catalonian Health Institute (ID: CEIC IDIAP J. Gol P09/49) and it will be conducted in accordance with the general principles for observational studies. Given this is a non-interventional study, an informed consent for all 27000 study participants will not be required, but consent will be obtained to review clinical records of those cohort members who suffer any study event during follow-up.”

Sincerely,

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