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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your email dated 4 June, 2012.

Please find here below a response to your request.

1. Research involving human subjects (including human material or human data) that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

Response: We have added the sentence, as requested. This epidemiological research does not involve human subjects and individuals cannot be indentified in the analysed data.

The following text has been added in the Methods section (lines 117-120)

The Helsinki Health Study has received ethical approvals from the ethics committees of the Department of Public Health, University of Helsinki, as well as the City of Helsinki health authorities, Finland. The current study is in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration.

Sincerely yours,

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