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Dear Dr. Cullen,

Thank you for your team’s initial review our manuscript. We received a query regarding the ethics review process undertaken for the project described in the submitted manuscript. We have revised the manuscript to provide clarity on this point.

As we now note in the methods section of the paper, the recommendation development process described in the submitted manuscript does not fall within the scope of research ethics review. Please refer below to Articles 2.4 and 2.5 from the Tri-Council Policy Statement relevant to the project described in the manuscript.

Article 2.4 REB review is not required for research that relies exclusively on secondary use of anonymous information, or anonymous human biological materials, so long as the process of data linkage or recording or dissemination of results does not generate identifiable information.

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78773. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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