Author's response to reviews

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Dear Mrs. Reyes,

Thank you very much for your request. We have edited the manuscript according to the comment. The changes are marked as bold text in the revised manuscript. We hope that the changes meet your expectations.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the authors,

Benjamin Iffland

Here is our point-by-point description:

Before we further proceed with your submission, we kindly ask you to state within the manuscript as to whether the fact that your study don’t need ethics approval adheres to your national guidelines and also to provide a reference of this to justify your statement.

We have added the following sentences on page 6:

Additionally, the company conducting data sampling is member of a group with general ethical approval from the German government to conduct these types of surveys. According to the Federal Data Protection Act (Bundesdatenschutzgesetz BDSG, § 30a), the need for consent from a specific ethics comitee is waived for USUMA surveys.