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Thank you for your email of September the 16th, in which you send us the response of the reviewers to the revised version of our manuscript. We are pleased that both reviewers state that we have adequately addressed their comments.

The editor asked us to clarify whether we consulted an ethics committee and whether we received an official waiver. We have added this information to the manuscript, lines 152-157: ‘Dutch law allows the use of electronic health records for research purposes under certain conditions. We did not consult an ethics committee, nor did we receive an official waiver, because according to Dutch legislation, we were legally not obliged to ask ethics approval. According to this legislation, neither obtaining informed consent nor approval by a medical ethics committee is obligatory for this kind of observational studies (Dutch Civil Law, Article 7:458).[29]’

We hope that this reply adequately addresses the editor’s comment and we look forward to your reaction.

Kind regards,

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