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Title: Prevalence of depression in adults with type 2 diabetes in the Basque Country: relationship with glycaemic control and health care costs.

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Dear Editor:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise the paper entitled “Prevalence of depression in adults with type 2 diabetes in the Basque Country: relationship with glycaemic control and health care costs” (MS: 8293380421204119). The review article is submitted through the electronic system of the Journal.

The authors have answered point by point all questions suggested by Editor about Consent and Ethics statement. You can find this information on the second page of this letter.

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Thank you very much for all your comments about our submission.

Kind regards,

Edurne Alonso Morán.
1.) Consent Statement: Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

We have added to methods section: “The informed consent was not obtained because patient health record was anonymized and de-identified prior to analysis.”

2.) Ethics: Research involving human subjects, human material, or human data, must have been performed in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html) and must have been approved by an appropriate ethics committee. Experimental research on vertebrates or any regulated invertebrates must comply with institutional, national, or international guidelines, and where available should have been approved by an appropriate ethics committee. A statement detailing what ethical approval has been obtained, including the name of the ethics committee and the reference number where appropriate, must appear in all manuscripts. If a study has been granted an exemption from requiring ethics approval or does not require approval, this should also be detailed in the manuscript (including the name of the ethics committee that granted the exemption). For all research involving human subjects, informed consent to participate in the study should be obtained from participants (or their parent or guardian in the case of children under 16) and a statement to this effect should appear in the manuscript. Please refer to our Editorial Policies for full details of the ethical requirements for the journal:

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We have added to methods section: “The study protocol was approved by the Ethical Committee of Clinical Research of Euskadi (PI2014074)”, Spain.