Author's response to reviews

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Dear editor,

We hereby send you a revised version of the manuscript, hoping to have answered all comments by the reviewers.

We have appreciated the reviews and think that most suggestions made by the reviewers have ameliorated the text.

Included you can find our detailed responses to each point raised by the reviewers.

We have also attached a version of the revised manuscript with all corrected changes highlighted in the text. All lines and pages mentioned in our 'response to reviewers' refer to this corrected, highlighted version.

One reviewer suggested the inclusion (as an appendix) of a death certificate form of each country included in the study. We followed this suggestion. However, we were not able to include a copy of the Norwegian and the Scottish certificate yet, as we are still waiting for permission from the responsible authorities to publish a (specimen) certificate in a journal. We can attach it to the appendix as soon as we have the necessary permissions.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

Luc Deliens