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Dear editor,

We thank you for the review of our manuscript ‘Back Complaints in the Elders (BACE); design of cohort studies in primary care: an international consortium’. In the e-mail you stated that the reviewer of our manuscript is satisfied with the revisions made. However, one further revision to the methods section of our manuscript has to be made.

Comment 1:
In your manuscript you state that "Before starting the study, the research protocol needs to be approved by the appropriate ethics committee of the different research groups joining the BACE consortium." Before we can proceed we require you to clarify that this protocol has received ethical approval from participating centres.

Reply:
We added this sentence to our methods section:
This protocol has already received ethical approval from the participating centres in the Netherlands and in Brazil.

We hope that you find our revised manuscript suitable for publication.

We look forward to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the co-authors,

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