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Dear Sir, Madam

Please find attached our revised article about Patients with Shoulder Syndromes in General and Physiotherapy Practice. It now contains a paragraph in the methods section on ethical approval and consent:

"According to the Dutch Act ‘Regulations on medical research involving human subjects’, ethical approval is necessary for medical research in which persons are subjected to treatment or are required to behave in a certain manner. As this was not the case for the current study, ethical approval was not required. Nevertheless, the Dutch Data Protection Authority was notified of the research. In addition, pursuant to the Personal Data Protection Act, data were collected anonymously, patients were informed about the research by posters and leaflets in practice waiting rooms and patients had the opportunity to refuse participation. The research was carried out in compliance with the Helsinki declaration."

Yours sincerely,

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