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Dear Dr Rowles,

in order to answer to your questions we added the following sentence to the beginning of the methods section in the manuscript "All the patients gave their consent to have their data collected and analysed for scientific purposes and our Ethical Committee was informed about our study."

We hope that it satisfactorily answers to the ethical issues. However, we will be happy to add or change the statements if you feel it necessary.

Thank you for your kind help and best regards

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