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To
Dr. Timothy Shipley
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Dear Dr. Shipley,

We are very pleased and grateful with your positive assessment of our manuscript entitled “A pattern of unspecific somatic symptoms as long-term premonitory signs of type 2 diabetes: Findings from the population-based MONICA/KORA Cohort Study, 1984-2009” to be considered for publication in *BMC Endocrine Disorders*. Moreover, we would like to thank again the two reviewers for their helpful and constructive comments.

Following the editorial comment, we revised the methods section of our manuscript regarding the names of the ethics committees that approved our study:

“The study followed the declaration of Helsinki and was approved by the local authorities: The MONICA surveys S1, S2 and S3 with the baseline examination were approved by the data protection commission following the rules at the time of the examinations (1984/85, 1989/90 and 1994/95); the follow-up examinations within the KORA framework afterwards were approved by the ethics committee of the Bavarian Medical Association (“Bayerische Landesärztekammer”).

All authors have read and approved the final manuscript. The results of this paper have not been published elsewhere nor are they under consideration at any other journal. We would be honoured if you consider our manuscript eligible for publication in the *BMC Endocrine Disorders*.

Yours sincerely,

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