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The answer to the editorial question has been included on page 4, at the end of paragraph 1 as follows:

"All procedures were done in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki. Data were collected routinely within the setting of clinical practice according to standard procedures. The parents of the children gave their informed consent. No further measures were taken beyond clinical practice."

This approach was discussed with members of the Ethics Committee.