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Editorial Request (26-06-2014)
Response to the Editorial Request (21-07-2014)

Editorial Request:
1. Please add the name of IRB.

Authors’ answer:
We understand that we should add the name of the Institutional Review Board. We have added the name of the board at the Methods section.

Changes in the manuscript:
Methods section (page 10), under “procedure”
A Case Report Form (CRF) was developed after a literature review. Approval of the study protocol and the CRF was obtained by the hospital’s Ethical Committee for Clinical Research (Comitè Ètic d’Investigació Clínica del Parc de Salut Mar).

Editorial Request:
2. Please clarify in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

Authors’ answer:
Thank you for this minor revision. We have now clarified in the Methods section that informed consent for participation was oral and obtained from the admitted patients (participants).

Changes in the manuscript:
Methods section (page 10), under „procedure“:
“The interviewers assessed the newly admitted patients for eligibility and obtained their oral informed consent for participation.”
With best wishes,
Anna Renom-Guiteras on behalf of all co-authors