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Dear Editors; Thank you for your email pointing out that we had omitted a statement regarding institutional review of our research. We apologize for this inadvertent oversight. In the attached version, we have now rectified this omission in the following manner: The last paragraph in the Methods section is a statement that the research proposal was reviewed and approved by the University of California Irvine Office of Research institutional review board and the IRB number is included. Because the study did not use subject identifiers, this research was approved as exempt, and that information is also included. We also included a sentence that we informed subjects that they were participating in research, explained risks and benefits, described how privacy and confidentiality would be protected, and provided assurances that subjects could withdraw at any time or decline to participate entirely.

We hope this addition is satisfactory. Please let us know if anything further is needed. Again, thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

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